June 3d 1798 — It is eight weeks, since I join'd myself with the church in this place - my sister and myself both presented ourselves to the Lord - ~~but~~ alas! how mean an offering - could it be acceptable to him who is All holy - ? we are told in the scriptures, whosoever will come unto Christ he will in no wise cast them out - but did I give up myself to him - wholly - without any reserve - to be govern'd by his will which is contain'd in the gospel - and use all ~~my~~ powers in promoting his glory - I fear I shall commit more sin than ever - but yet while I was before him today, commemorating the dying love of Jesus - ~~my~~ ascended Saviour - methought my soul was more than ever dispos'd to cast itself on him for protection and salvation - - insomuch that tho' it thundered quite hard - (which usually terrifies me) I was not frightened perhaps it was insensibility - but I hope and pray God that my heart may in future be right with him

Mr Hopkins had his text in Luke 15th chapter and 18th and 19th verses - I will arise and go to my father - and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, & am no more worthy to be called thy son make me as one of thy hired servants - From these words he observ'd, that the Jews were meant by the elder brother and the Gentiles by the younger - but that it might be applied to individuals - that God is willing and glad to receive returning repenting rebels - and that we should pray earnestly for conviction of sin - and for renewing and sanctifying grace - the Lord is calling us, and will meet us with his mercy - we should therefore come to him in his ordinances - peradventure we may find that he is gracious - I have openly - and publicly acknowledg'd that I am not my own - I have given myself to the Lord - & O may it be a restraint on my condu may it be a constant check upon all my actions - and when I am about to indulge myself in sin - O may this as it w

force itself between me and wickedness -
and bind me to my duty - I dare not
say I shall walk in the ways of the
Lord - yet I hope by Divine grace - that
it will be a mean of Salvation to my
Soul - and I fervently pray that I
may not bring disgrace on the Chris-
tian religion - but glorify the Father
which is in heaven.

I lived nineteen years ~~and~~ two months
& four days without openly confessing
that God had any right to me or my
services - and since I have done it I
fear it will be an aggravation of my
guilt - but I endeavour to trust in
God thro' Christ for the pardon of
my past neglect - and sins - as well as
my present and future transgressions

June 10th This morning Mr Hopkins
preached from Proverbs 27th 4th - wrath is
cruel, and anger is outrageous - but who is
able to stand before envy. - he gave us
many cautions to beware of envy - to banish
it from our hearts - that its being a
shameful passion - caused us to keep it
conceal-ed - and therefore it rankles in our

hearts - and no one can reprove us - but because we seek to hide it - it is not only unpleasant - but the heart which harbours it cannot be truly devoted to God and religion - it being the reverse of benevolence and charity —

This afternoon - from Psalms 32d verse 5th - "I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin" that men ought to confess their sins, is obvious - and that they ought likewise to abase themselves before God on account of them is equally plain but it is not to tell our friends that we are vile - but it is to go before the all seeing God - prostrate before him, we should lay ourselves in the dust - be sensible - that we deserve none of the blessings with which he is loading us - but confess that we are utterly unworthy of favor, and under a conviction of sin - cast ourselves upon the free mercy of God in Christ - knowing that we can do nothing

ourselves, to appease the wrath of heaven
O may I be brought by Divine-Grace to
such a state - and may I have that
repentance which is unto life not to
be repented of. ——

June 17th. This forenoon did not attend meeting
read a sermon of Mr. Davis's - the text was in
Isaiah - 53 chapter - 10, & 11 verses - when thou shalt
make his soul an offering for sin, he shall
see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and
the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his
hand - he shall see of the travail of his soul
& shall be satisfy'd. - a sermon preach'd at
Hanover - before the commemoration of the
Lords death - that it is pleasing to Christ, to
see his children doing his will - that we are
bound by every tie of gratitude - to give up
ourselves to him was shown plainly - we are
bound by every obligation - Christ died, he
gave up himself a sacrifice for men - he shed
his precious blood - he spilt it upon the
earth - that living, immortal fruit might
be rais'd from the seed of his blood - and
it is the height of ingratitude, as well as
blindness to our own interest - to refuse the

the Lord Jesus the pleasure of seeing of the travail of his soul. — — —;

This afternoon read another of Mr Davies sermons O what an excellent man was he — if my heart was not harder than adamant it would surely be melted with his writings — this discourse was ~~su~~upon the 20th verse of the 10th chapter of St. Luke — Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you: but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. — from these words he urg'd the propriety there is in the rejoicing of a christian — not in the abundance of riches or the good things of this world — but because his name is written in heaven — & it is his duty to rejoice — for a he should not go melancholy and mourning on his way to heaven — ~~to rejoice~~ but for a sinner to rejoice is extremely absurd — indeed the ought not to rejoice in the comforts of life as long as his name is not written in heaven — he should weep and lament and repent of his past transgressions — till he has evidence of his good estate — — but what am I to do? — alas I fear I grow no better — may I keep my resolution when I determine to be on my guard & not omit any known duty — —

July 15th - This day attended meeting - in the forenoon Mr Hopkins discoursed from them words - in the 20th chapter of John - 31 but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ - the son of God and that believing + ye might have life through his name - he produced many arguments from scripture - to prove that Christ did really die - he is the only Savior and we must believe on him - if we would have salvation - In the afternoon - he had his text in Isaiah - 33d chapter - 1st and 2d verses - Woe to thee that spoilest - and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously - and they dealt not treacherously with thee - &c - he apply'd this passage to the French nation - in their conduct to the United States - they have committed the most unlawful plunders upon our navigation - unprovok'd, they have captur'd our merchantmen - and condemn'd them indiscriminately - unmindful of their treaty - they are seeking occasion to rob us - and bring us under their tyrannical government.

but we should look to the God of heaven & Earth for support and protection. – –

July 22d – this morning attended meeting – Mr H– had his text in Psalms – 9th 12th – he forgetteth not the cry of the humble – he shew'd us the loveliness of humility – that it is opposed to wrath – pride – self love – and the love of this world – but an attendant of benevolence that we should seek – to be humble – as it is one of the graces of the spirit – and is pleasing to God and man – God grant – that my heart may be moulded anew – may I be regenerated and born again, wilt thou work in my heart both to will and to do of thy good pleasure, and the work of faith with almighty power. – –

In the afternoon – we had a discourse from – 1st John. 2 chapter – 15th verse. – Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world – If any man love the world – the love of the father is not in him – – To love the world inordinately – is inconsistent with the christian character – for the things of the world are as little capable of conferring happiness – as the husks were of satisfying the hunger of the prodigal son – but in our fathers house

August 5th This morning attended meeting with Miss Chandler – Mr & Mrs Hitchcock – the last of whom join'd with us in commemmorating the dying love of our ascended Saviour – the text was in acts – 4th chapter 12th verse – – "neither is there salvation in any other" – my attention was divided between the world – and my wicked heart – what a wicked creature am I – thus to trample on the son of God – Mr H – was quite feeble – and I thought he would hardly have been able to have gone thro' the exercise – I was enabled – to give attention during the communion – – but I am sorry that the Lord did not shed abroad his love in my heart as much as before – he did not enable me to cast myself so entirely upon him for protection & what a blessing is it when – when he vouchsafes his favor and the light of his countenance – but I am unworthy this mercy – O Lord make my heart sensible of its wickedness – and that there is no other Saviour but Christ who died – and lives to redeem us

this afternoon [illegible] meeting

August 12th 1798 – In the morning Mr Gridley gave us
an excellent sermon from psalm 73d – The Lord reigneth
let the earth rejoice – let the multitude of the isles
be glad thereof – Whatever dangers we are exposed to
and however dismal the aspect of the times –
yet there is one & only one cause of joy – the
Lord reigneth – & on this account every countenance
should smile with joy & every heart be filled with
gladness – the human governors of this world have a short
time to exercise their government – but God
is from everlasting to everlasting – the same
unchanging being – he rules over the whole
universe – sun, moon, and stars, are subject to
his control – shall man then – who is of the
dust – & whose knowledge is as nothing, pretend
to arraign his providence? – rather should he
bow in humble acquiescence – to his sovereign
will, and adore the Lord God omnipotent
who reigneth over all worlds – – –

In the afternoon, had a sermon from Colossians 3d –
3d & 4th – For ye are dead – & your life is hid with
Christ in God. When Christ who is our life
shall appear, then shall ye also appear

with him in glory. From these words he shew'd that the life of a christian is a hidden life – that we should live as do believers, and if we would appear with Christ as he is. the day of judgment will soon come & then shall – the believer, be receiv'd by the Lord – with well done good and faithful servants enter ye into the joy of your Lo which the unbeliever, shall be sent away to receive their reward. he concluded with an exortation – to all who had not yet been regenerated – to come to repentance and not delay accepting the offer'd salvation may our blessed redeemer – be made clean & white in the blood of the Lamb. –

August 19th 1798 – Mr Hopkins preach'd from John 20th 30th And many other ~~things~~ signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book – he attempted to shew that the scriptures were of divine original notwithstanding all that infidels and deists have ever said in confutation of it – but the remainder of his discourse he defer'd till afternoon – this afternoon he continued the same argumentation discourse – with an application - we should always be ready to give an answer to those who shall enquire concerning the hope that is in us - Christ came into the world - this is manifest - it is likewise manifest that he did wonderful signs & miracles - the scriptures are true - one proof is because no set of people would ever have written ~~any~~ such things - when their writings met with such a reception - had they not been inspir'd from above - blessed Lord - give me an understanding - and heart to believe and receive the divine truths which are contain'd in thy gospel - that thereby I may gain heavenly wisdom, & honour my Divine master - - - amen - -

October 7th 1798 - 6 weeks have gone - since I have put pen to paper, to keep - a sabbath day record - in which time I have been at Amherst - a week - & my brother has spent a months at home with Miss Parsons - last week on tuesday - a quarter before eleven - my grandmother left this world she pass'd a gloomy & uncomfortable - life - here - O may I hope she has exchang'd it for one infinitely glorious - where we can behold the face of our Father, & dwell forever with the Lord - O gracious God - sanctify this dispensation of thy providence - to the good of this family - make it a mean in thy hand of turning us from the evil of our ways - and preparing - us to follow her who is gone before us - may we consider the brevity of life - the certainty of death - - & may we be weaned from this world & its vain enjoyments - & make it our main business to seek the favor of God which is life & thy loving kindness which is better than life - -

attended meeting this forenoon - but was prevented this afternoon - by the excessive rain - - the sacrament of the Lords supper was administered - Mrs Submit Smith was admitted to full communion - blessed God thou art able to transform us - into thy servants - we would trust in thy power thro' Christ

Octr 14th This morning Mr Williams of N-ton preach'd here, his text was in psalms - 119th - 9 verse - wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? - by taking heed thereto, according to thy word - his discourse was chiefly address'd to ~~you~~ the youth - they are unstable - inexperienced - yet self-sufficient will not look up for divine direction - till too late - ~~they~~ or till the season of gaiety is past - if they should outlive it - then repenting, they seek counsel - from friends whose advice they once rejected - & almost despairing - ~~as~~ implore the forgiveness of their - provoked - father. the word of God should be studied carefully - therein we may find rules - for all our conduct - & it teaches us - to rely on the mercy of God in Jesus - Christ - O the wonderful lo- of God to man - that he should send his son to die for sinners, - may it not be in vain to us -

In the afternoon, the text was in proverbs - 17th & 16th. wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom ~~& no heart~~ seeing he hath no heart to it? - the word of God is put into our hands - we have the day & the means of grace - but no desire to seek salvation or to accept it tho' offered - the Lord hath no desire that sinners should perish - but that they should repent turn and live - our hearts are hard & stubborn - O Lord of thy mighty power - change our dispositions & bring us to obey the truth - serve our Father and live in peace with all men - enable us - to walk in thy way.

Octbr 21st. Mr Lyman preached - in the forenoon he had his text in psalms - 4th & 6th many say who will shew us &c - lift thou up &c - he shewed what character they bore who are first mentioned - preached a very good sermon - in the afternoon - from 14th psalm - the fool hath &c - he shewed us that it is the height of folly to despise the calls of life & salvation in the gospel – & told us we had an example of it in the french nation – &c – O Lord of thy goodness, – make the word which I have this day heard efficacious – to turn our feet into the way of thy testimonies

Oct. 28th – This day the rain which is very hard, prevents my attendance on the worship of God in his house – but I must endeavour to improve my precious moments at home – I have read one or two sermons of Mr Davies – upon the nature of justification, and faith in it – he says we cannot be saved but thro' the merit of Christ – because there is no ~~other~~ sacrifice that we can make – or any service which we can perform – ~~that~~ will be accepted – for we have sinned – if we could live in future perfectly agreeable to the word of God – our past offences must remain in ~~their~~ full force against us – Lord of thy mercy – enable us to devote the remainder of this & all our days to thy glory – cleanse us & purify us – by the blood of thy son –

Novb. 11th - attended meeting this day Mr Ward from P[illegible]infield with us - Mr Hopkins gave us in the forenoon a sermon - from the introduction - of the charge to the Church of Ephesus - from it he took occasion to say, that Christ is present with his churches at all times - for he says at the beginning of every address - I know thy works - and unless we who are his church, in this place, repent, & do our first works - he will remove the candlestick out of its place; growing infidelity - gives us cause - for contrition, & watchfulness - —

In the afternoon, from Colossians - 1st & 23d - If ye continue in the faith, grounded & settled & be not moved away &c - he urg'd us to fidelity & perseverance, for should the nation whom we fear overcome us, what would be our situation - it would verify the words of a man who has said that Christianity will be entirely extinguished in America - by the time one century has elapsed Gracious God - forbid so dire a doom - & stir up the minds of thy people to seek the God of their fathers - Amen

Nov. 18th – This day my father & mother are absent on a visit at Brimfield – the weather prevented my attending meeting & besides I thought I should have as much at home, the day has been spent in reading Colonel Gardiner's life – & a sermon of Doctr Watts – upon christian morality gravity decency & justice – how unbecoming is it – creatures who walk every moment upon the slippery brink of eternity – to spend their time in dress – amusements – &c – but Oh what a life did Col. G – live – how happy was that good man he had a firm faith, & trust in God – & lived a truly christian life – wilt thou Gracious Lord enable me, to imitate him – make my soul cleave unto thee only – cleanse it in the blood of Christ – purify me from every pollution – guide me in the way which thou lovest – keep me from sinning – make the path of duty plain before me, & may I not dishonour the religion which I profess – O Lord of thine infinite goodness change my disposition – & make me a willing subject of thy grace – I am utterly unworthy of the least of thy mercies – of thy free grace thro' Christ – influence my heart at all times to duty – Amen –

Thursday Nov. 29th 1798 — This being an anniversary of thanksgiving — thro' this state — I attended meeting — Mr Hopkins; text was in Psalms — an exhortation to thankfulness & praise God — for all his goodness — it is continual — & universal — utterly unable are we to recount his mercies — both temporal & spiritual — yet they should engage us to faithfulness in his service — to fear & love him who is so kind to us — why do not our hearts melt within us while we are the subjects of so many favors —? alas — what poor returns do we make —. but we must look to Jesus, and make his name and atonement our trust — quicken us O Lord in the way of our duty — this is the first thanksgiving I ever past — but in the company of my sister & Grandmother the first is married & removed — the last I fervently hope — has a better habitation in that world where she has nothing to do but praise

December 9th – 1798 – last sabbath I attended meeting but thro' negligence did not write the text – this day Mr Hopkins had in the morning his text from Psalms 31st – v 24th be of good courage &c – he showed that if we will be fervent & sincere in our addreſses to the throne of grace – we may be confident – & hope that we shall – be heard & answered – he exorted all who were pious & others, to be constant & ardent in their prayers – – &c – – This afternoon – from Jonah – 4th – v 1st – But it displeased Jonah exceedingly &c – he told us that self love leads us into many sins, & is indeed the root of all sin – we must guard against it & keep all our paſsions in due subjection – help us Lord – in this as well as all duties enable us to do to others as we would they should do to us – & may self love never induce us to do any thing, that shall dishonour God & the religion we profeſs —

Dec 16th This day the sacrament of the Lords
supper was administered here — again have I
seen my saviour crucified for my sins
I have tasted of the memorials of his death
but what a stubborn & rebellious heart
I have, unless soverign grace refine & purify
me — I can never be a true Christian —
This afternoon — Mr Hopkins text was in
Isaiah 57th — 19th I create the fruit of the lips
Peace peace &c — — Christ is the only saviour
he is a mediator between an offended God
& offending man — may his righteousness
be transfer'd to us — & by his death may
we be made alive — Blessed Lord — intercede
with the father — & reconcile us to God
by thy atonement = — — O may this
day not be lost to our souls — but may
every renew'd instance of thy love turn
to thee, & wean us from this vain world —

Jany 13th 1799 — Having been absent 3 weeks on
a visit to my sister — was not able to keep
an account of the sermons — last sabbath
I spent at home Mr Hopkins preach'd
in the evening attended the marriage of
Mr Dod & Mrs Gaylord — — this day attend-
ed meeting Mr — Huntington gave us two
excellent sermons, one in the forenoon
from John 14th 27th Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give unto you, not as the world
giveth, give I unto you — he enumerated
the blessings of the peace spoken of — it
was bequeath'd to his disciples & his true
followers, — Christ made his will before he was
crucify'd & bequeath'd this legacy, to his disciples,
which was promis'd & enjoy'd by himself —
it is not a quietude from war — but peace
of conscience — — this afternoon from
Luke 19th & 9th ~~this day~~ & Jesus said unto him

this day is salvation come to this house -
he shew'd that God has a soverign right
to bestow his grace on whom he will
that Zacheus was in the way of Christ
or in the way where he was passing -
it is the duty of every one to be in the
of Christ in his ordinances he admonish
-ed the young to begin the worship of God
in their familys - that youth is the
season for religion - but none are excluded
from hope - we should devote the tender
mind to the Lord, tho' he can stamp his
impression upon the clay when harden'd
to a stone -- he concluded with a prayer
that if any of those present, were in the
situation of the publican - they might be
look'd upon in mercy - & converted - that
the Lord Jesus would extend his power &
redeeming love ~~th~~ to them - & save them
to which ejaculation - I add my hearty
amen - may the God of power & compassion
look on our case & transform us by the
renewing of our wills - - -

Jany 20th - Mr Hopkins gave us two sermons from Matthew in the forenoon - the 15th & 8th & 9th verses - This people draweth nigh unto me with their lips &c - he illustrated the wickedness of mockery in religion - attempting to worship God when our hearts were not warm'd with holy love to him & zeal in his service — make us, we beseech thee, O Lord, sensible of our weakness & sinfulness - & conduct us in the way everlasting -

March. 3d. It is 3 weeks since I have been at meeting at Hadley having been at Boston & Newbury-Port - thanks be to God who hath preserv'd me, & brot me home in safety This day Mr Hopkins preach'd from Jeremiah. 5th 23d - But this people hath a revolting &c - telling us that our hearts a naturally sinful &c needing the power of divine grace. - in the afternoon from Ecclesiastes — shewing the wickedness of the heart & that God seeth the heart - if we keep clean the outside, & observe the externals of religion we think it sufficient - but our hearts must be kept pure - for this purpose - let me cry daily to my father - that he will cleanse & purify me in the blood of Christ - look upon us with compassion O Lord & help us -

March 10th 1799 - This day Mr Hopkins preach'd
from John 11th 28th and when she had so said, she
went her way, and called Mary &c -
entreating us to observe the call of our master
who is come - & invites us to come to him
we should every one of us - accept the offers
of life & salvation. & not turn a deaf ear -
in the afternoon, from Psalm 89th 48 - tending
to illustrate the brevity of life - & the necessity
of being prepar'd to meet the grim tyrant -
quicken us O Lord - & finish the good work
which we hope thou hast begun in our souls -
24th - Last sabbath I spent at Amherst - heard
Mr Ripley preach - return'd monday evening -
to day Mr Hopkins, preach'd from John 15th
10th If ye keep my commandments ye shall
abide in my love - this afternoon 2d Peter,
1st chapter 19th verse - we have also a more sure
word of prophecy - &c - shewing the divine authority
of the scriptures - to prove which he advanc'd
many texts - & proving that the prophets were
inspir'd to predict those events which should
happen - forgive Lord the sins of this day & enable me
in future to live to thy glory -

March 31st, Mr Hopkins in the morning directed
his discourse to the young part of his hearers,
particularly to the young women - who have got
into the habit of playing card whenever they visit
he had his text in Proverbs - 1st & 4th - to teach the
young men knowledge & discretion — this after-
noon he addressed the aged - his text was in Psalm
71st thou hast upholden me from my mother's
womb - or to that effect - he exhorted the advanced
in life, to pray & meditate much, & to set
a good example to the youth. — — he
read a proclamation for a fast - in this state - -
humble us, O Lord, shew us the vileness of our
practice - & our entire dependence upon thee
for every blessing, & may have hearts suited
to the occasion. - we look up unto thee,
as the only way for help - to thee who hast
power to incline our hearts to thy ways -

April 4th This day was set apart by our rulers,
to be observed as a day of fasting Humiliation &
prayer, in this state. Mr Hopkins preached in
the forenoon from Psalms 122 - 6 verse praying for
Jerusalem - in the afternoon from

1st Samuel 12th chapter 23 verse to the end — tending to illustrate the need we stand in of divine favor & the necessity of repentance & seeking to God — how sinful has been my past life filled up b with transgressions against the Laws and authority, against the threatenings & mercies of our God — next sabbath will be compleat a year since I became a member of Christs church — alas at that time I flattered myself with much greater improvements, in the christian course than I have made, why O why this deadness this stupidity with regard to spiritual things? — my heart is harder than a stone — yet at some times I have felt a small confidence in Christ — but it is slight, I will again dedicate myself to him next sabbath —

Most blessed Lord — I am sensible of my inability to perform one good action without thy assistance — yet I will renewedly give myself unto thee — I would willingly yield all my faculties to thy service — it is the greatest happiness, and privilege to call myself thine, O thy might transform my soul, and enable me to live as one who is not her own but who has given herself to Christ — to be guided by his laws — give us not to disgrace the religion which we profess — but may our hearts be sensible of the duties of our station & may we cheerfully fulfill them Amen —

April 7th 1799 - This day completes a year since my sister, and I, publicly made a profession of religion. The father of all mercies hath again suffer'd me to eat the bread & drink the cup, which is a memorial of his son's death and atonement for the sins of mankind, but how cold is my heart, is it possible that amid the innumerable favors which he is continually bestowing, I can remain thus impenitent, I do indeed cry daily for quickening grace, & was this day told that I must not despair, how consoling were the words, "tho' he delayeth, yet he will hear", I am resolv'd to wait upon God for the bestowment of his spirit, and continue to pray that his love may be shed abroad in my heart — likewise to be very watchful, over the temper of my mind — Mr Hopkins's text in the morning was in 1st Corinthians, 11th 26th For as often as ye eat this bread &c — this afternoon 1st John, 4th 11th Behold, if God so loved us we ought also to love one another. — shewing us the virtue of loving one another, that it is the fulfiling of the law, with respect to our fellow men, and we should endeavor to love the Lord with all our heart & our neighbour as our self- God grant that we may keep all his precepts. Amen,

April 14th — Last week on wednesday my brother came home
and has taken up his abode here at present.—
We all attended meeting this day, in the morn-
ing Mr Hopkins preach'd from Romans 3d 12th —
they are all gone out of the way &c— we know
that we are sinners, and if after being convinc'd
of it we continue to rebel— we must expect
no mercy— we must cry earnestly for convictio
and renewing grace.— this afternoon from
Luke 1st 71st — my attention this day has not
been strict enough— what astonishing blind-
ness & stupidity am I guilty of— O Lord, strike
our hearts with thy powerful word, may we
know our vileness, & the only way for pardon—
how did I flatter myself that before this time
if God spar'd my life I should have encreas'd
more in grace and good works— but vain is
all human resolution— vain are all my endeav-
ours— if my saviour do not apply his
blood, I know I am not worthy— but thou
O Lord has promis'd life to the vilest sinner,
even the thief upon the cross— & Mary
Magdalen are witnesses of thy power, Gracious
God give us repentance unto life— Amen——

April 21st This forenoon Mr Hopkins; text was
in Psalms 19th 9th. The fear of the Lord is

clear – that is has a tendency to prevent future, & wash away past offences – &c c –

This afternoon in 2d Corinthians, 6th 1st, we then as workers together with him beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain; we must let our fruit be unto holiness we must accept the offer'd saviour, and live lives of faith on the son of God – how kind were the assurances which since meeting I read in the rise and progress of religion in the soul – bidding sinners not despair, for did Christ die to save the souls of men, and shall we think them beneath his notice? shall we cast away these immortals, which Christ, the Lord of life, came into this world and suffer'd so much to redeem? – Blessed God, receive us into the arms of thy compassion, kindly bless us with thy salvation – we rely on thee for assistance & direction – Grant it us for thy beloved son's sake Amen! —— ——

May 5th 1799 – Today, (having been absent a week at Brimfield, and return'd last monday,) attended meeting, Mr McGeorge, preach'd from Hebrews 13th 20th That great shepherd of the sheep – a very good discourse, in the afternoon from Matthew 13th 45th and 46th The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman seeking goodly pearls &c c – he shew'd us our indifference with regard to our spiritual estate - by bringing persecution to us - then we must determine whether to part with our worldly pearls - for this one of great price - he exhorted the young to beware of the ensnaring vanities of life - and guard their hearts from the intrusion - the middle aged he addressed and conjured them not to prefer the gaudy trifles of the world to the rock of ages, and he most pathetically urged the aged in the congregation, if they were still destitute of saving grace, no longer to trifle upon the precipice of eternity between which & them, nothing but the brittle and almost broken thread of life remained — may the discourses which I have this day heard, have a lasting efficacy upon my mind, and not be an aggravation of my guilt - Paul may plant, and Apollos water, but God only can give the increase — warm me with holy love to thee, and guide my heart to thee, for the sake of thy beloved son, Amen.

May 12th Mr Hopkins preached this day at Amherst - Mr Smith here, from Matthew 16th 26th What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world &c - he illustrated the worth of the soul, contrasting it with the brute creation, and delivered a very good discourse - in the afternoon, from John 3d 3d Verily verily I say unto thee except a man be born again &c - shew'd us the necessity of regeneration and exhorted us to use the means of grace, reading meditation and prayer, that we might be converted and obtain the new birth. — May God of his grace prepare us for his service in this world, and to be partakers of his kingdom above - for Christ's sake.

May 19th Mr Hopkins delivered a discourse, from Genesis 32d 10th I am not worthy of all the mercies &c - we are hell-deserving, we can do no good thing, if we were accepted only on account of our own righteousness - we never could be saved but there is a saviour, there is a mediator an intercessor, who died for the sins of mankind and he who spared not his own son but freely gave him up - will he not with him freely give us all things? - Lord increase our faith - give us grace to serve thee acceptably - and make the word which we hear, conducive to our best welfare -

This afternoon, the text was in Romans 3d 24th - being justified freely by his grace, thro' the redemption that is in Christ Jesus - he exhorted us to come to Christ that we may have life - for there is no other way - O Lord how many are my faults - what have I done that has been pleasing in thy sight - my whole life has been one continued scene of rebellion - rebellion against the kind Father of the universe - who is ever loading me with favors - what astonishing hardness and obstinacy is this - O strike my heart, that the waters of repentance may gush forth - turn me and I shall be turned, draw me and I shall run after thee, enable me to accept the offer of life and salvation, and not neglect the price which is put into my hand - this grant gracious God for the merit and atonement of thy beloved Son. -

Resolved this day, by divine grace, to read a chapter in the bible, morning and evening, before I prostrate myself before my heavenly Parent -

May 26th - Mr Hopkins preached from Proverbs 13th 21st Evil pursueth the wicked - &c. - evil pursueth them first because their own consciences upbraid them - because they feel the ill effects of sin in this life & that which is to come this afternoon from Numbers - 16th 3d - and they gathered themselves &c. - upon politics, we should not be discontented with our rulers, but do all in our power to uphold our government

June 2d 1799 — Another day of the Lord, and another opportunity of commemmorating the dying love of Christ — has been allowed me — this day I have dedicated myself unto the Lord — to be disposed of by him, and to the utmost of my power to devote my services to him — but when I reflect upon the past neglects, and wickedness which I have been guilty of — my heart almost fails me, and I am ready to fear that I shall be wholly given up to the wicked one — this unrelenting foe, is continually breaking my rest, and assisting my depraved and vile heart, in sinning and rebelling against its maker, — at sometimes the divine promises seem to cheer my heart, and whisper that he who died upon the cross, for ruined man, will freely give us life and the blessings of his grace — how astonishing! — how immense is that love, wherewith the Lord of glory loved us — this wonder can be equaled only by our ingratitude — I would pray earnestly, for forgiving mercy — O God of my salvation, hear my petition and enable me to forsake my sins, & cause this enemy in my breast to be overthrown —

and grant me strength to withstand every tempta to sin - & give me a humble meek and lowly heart, give me zeal in thy service, and make me to love thee supremely - and to fulfill every duty which is incumbent on me, & make me cheerful and calm, and may my temper be corrected - and all its irregularities be reformed

The text was in Corinthians first epistle, 11th ch 17th verse, Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not &c - enumerating the blessing & and benefits of Christs death - he exhorted to be mindful of our engagements &c - there were seven members admitted - one a girl of t years - how pleasing to see infants and you devoting themselves to the Lord - & that this & work may be carry'd on, and that there mig be a great ingathering of souls that regenera this afternoon Mr Hopkins's text was in Ephesians 5th chapter and 2d verse - And walk love, as Christ also hath loved us &c - - telli us our duty - that we must live in love wit all men - in towns and churches, and in private relations - I sincerely hope I shall benefit by this advice - for I need much reformati

th June - Mr Hopkins's text was in Psalms - 78th - 1st
Give ear, O my people to my law &c - the word of the Lord
and his commandments are more to be observed than
any thing else - and we should make it our business
to read & pray for instruction, This afternoon John
14th - 28th - Ye have heard how I said unto you I go
away &c - Christ first and second coming explained
and an exhortation to make a good use of both -
we are to accept him as our Saviour, and hope
to be partaker, with him in glory. - O Lord I
have yet to lament my hardness of heart, and
froward disposition, is thine ear heavy that
thou canst not hear? - O God of grace and mercy
assist me in all my resolutions against
sin and enable me to resist the evil one —

une 16th - Mr Hopkins preached in the forenoon from
Acts 28th - 25th - Well spake ~~Esaias~~ the holy Ghost by
Esaias the prophet unto our fathers - we should
not resist the holy ghost - but should pray for
the effusion of it - - in the afternoon from
Psalm 102 - 24th - I said, O my God, take me not
away in the midst of my days, thy years
are thro'out all generations - a funeral sermon
on the death of our excellent Gov. Sumner - who died
June 7th - in the 53d year of his age, and 2d of his
government —

June 23d - Mr Hopkins preach'd from Isaiah, 63d - 7th
I will mention the loving kindness of the Lord, and
the praises of the Lord &c - we ought to ever s
the praises of the Lord - and bless his name, an
not be such ingrates as to forget his mercie
but this we do continually, the common m
of life we know not how to prize till we
deprived, — this afternoon, from Psalms, 14
2d - While I have life I will praise the Lord -
Is it my practice to serve the Lord & to glor
him? - alas no - my heart is desperately
wicked - and I cannot see any advances in
the divine life. - O Lord of heaven and ear
cleanse my sinful heart - and subdue
all my wicked dispositions - and make
me clean in the blood of the Lamb -

June 30th - The text from which Mr Hopkins preach'd to
both forenoon and afternoon, was in Genesis 2d - 3d - And
God blessed the seventh day &c - It is our duty to rest f
labour, to spend our thoughts on religious subjects
one seventh part of time for God has blessed the
sabbath - and we should improve every moment
of it in his service - ~~we are not obliged to~~
if we keep one seventh part of time - it is

that the Jews were commanded to do - for it not
supposed that Moses could ascertain which was
the seventh day from the creation - we should endeav
our to keep from our minds all ideas which
~~tend to draw~~ are not spiritual, and by keeping
the sabbath holy ~~fo~~ here prepare for an eternal
day of rest in the coming world - Mrs Dickinson
Mother of Azariah D- died last Friday - she was
92 the monday before - may I not calculate on
long life - but may I be enabled to live like
her, in as much as she resembled Christ -

July 14th - last sunday I was at Conway with Mrs
Mary Stoddard - and the sacrament of the Lords
supper was administered there: it has pleased
the Lord many times to allow me the privilege
of joining with many churches, in this solemn
ordinance - that it may not be a means of my
greater condemnation is my earnest prayer, this day
Mr Hopkins preached from Exodus 23d 2 - thou
shalt not follow a multitude to do evil - the reasons
for it are these because we must one day give an
account of our conduct - and the practice of others
should not be an example for us - the Lord is
gracious to those that fear him - and will
bless those who trust in him — this afternoon
the text was in Matthew 3d 8th Bring forth therefore
fruits meet for repentance - he told us that repentance, is forsaking our sins, as well as sorrowing

account of them - and unless we have been deeply
sensible of our vileness we cannot be Christs
disciples - presently the door of mercy will be shu
where then will the impenitent appear, or
where shall they look for mercy - may my
soul no longer be insensible to all the cal
of providence and grace, but may it be resolu
-ty shut against the contagion of vice, and
no longer listen to its syren-song - no more
- may I indulge myself in the gratification o
my carnal desires, but O God of my salvati
turn me and I shall be turned, draw me
and I shall run after thee. - -

July 21st - We had today Mr Jonathan Smith of Mar
-thas vineyard - he preached from Colossians 4th
2d Continue in prayer - he first proved it to b
a duty for every one to pray - that we must
pray to the Sovereign of all worlds even to the only
wise God - we ought to pray for those mercies of
a temporal nature, in submission to the
divine will - but should make it our
supreme desire to obtain heavenly and
spiritual blessings - - we see the infinite
condescension of God, in permitting sinful
mortals to pray to him for those things

which we need - not that he is unacquainted with our wants - but praying solemnizes our minds and prepares them for the reception of mercy - - - . This afternoon, the text was in Acts 8th 8th - And there was great joy in that city - - the mosaic institutions were typical of Christs atonement - and there is joy laid up in heaven for the righteous Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath ~~it~~ entered into the heart of man to conceive, the joys which God hath laid up for those that love him - yet how is my heart hardend and my eyes blinded, so that I do not the will of my father - ! will it be thus ever? - and shall I (dreadful thot) go on to sin, till time itself shall be no more with me, till death comes - that sure sentence must be executed - Dust thou art, & to dust thou shalt return - - where shall I fly, for safety - only to my maker, and redeemer. and here would I rest - here fix my only trust - enable me gracious God to live in future so as to please thee - for Christs sake.

July 28th This day, our horse being sick, I was obliged to stay at home, against my inclination tho - yet I will endeavour to gain instruction - and seek the blessing of God on this his holy day - This afternoon, I attended our neighbours at church -

meeting at Hatfield- Mr Lyman gave us a good sermon from Isaiah 44th 20th. He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him &c- the impenit sinner followeth the pleasures of the world- but the end they are bitterness- therefore love the Lord thy God with all thy heart with all th soul with all thy mind and with all thy strength; and thy neighbour as thyself- and thou shalt be accepted thro' the blood of ascended redeemer- Lord extend thy hand, and my soul from death, restrain my wandering affection, wean them, from too fond an atta ment, to these transitory enjoyments, and may my meditations be on those things which may be of everlasting advantage- —

Saturday evening- August 3d This day I have spent wi Mrs Hitchcock at Doctr Cutler's- tomorrow God wi I shall approach the table of the Lord- shall I co with a sincerely repenting heart- broken for sin leaning only on the atonement of Christ- for don- Alas this wicked this rebellious heart, which refuses to see its own vileness- Of thy goodness gracious God thro' the merits of thy son- be pleased to meet me in thine ord es. and give me such affections as are nece to acceptance and confirm my faith in the promises- shew me the evil nature of sin. and the vileness of my own conduc —

ugust 4th - The text this forenoon was in Acts 4th 12th Neither is there salvation in any other - admonishing us to rest only upon the atonement of Christ - for salvation - and we should seek for assistance, for enlarg'd desires - I have once more been admitted to the table of the Lord - I have tasted that the Lord is gracious - I have been encouraged to hope for life - - Ah Lord shall I forever continue thus old and insensible? - thy power only can create me anew and give me life divine. - This afternoon Mr Hopkins preach'd from 1st Peter - 5th - 5th And be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble - shewing the virtues, and the excellencies of humility - we should cultivate a spirit of forbearance and follow the example of Christ for he set us a perfect pattern - O Lord enable me to restrain all my evil affections, all my sinful appetites, and may I have strength to withstand every temptation to sin - direct me in the way which thou lovest, and give me a grateful heart for all thy signal favors - -

ugust 11th - Mr W. George - preached this morning rom Ezekiel 33d 11th - As I live saith the Lord God I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked &c - God is gracious to forgive those who sincerely repent have this day heard the goodness of my heavenly ther extoll'd - I have I think with pleasure listen'd

to those wonders which are contain-d in the scrip
tures - did not my heart melt and glow with
gratitude to the author of all my mercies, did
not rejoice in God my saviour - ? O for more
ardent love to him, more frequent visitati
of his blessed light - O create within me
pure heart - and make me devote all my
faculties into thee and thy service. —
This afternoon, the discourse was from the 17th Psa
5th verse - Hold up my goings in thy paths, tha
my footsteps slip not - saints who walk in t
ways of godliness, have ever need of the assist
of divine grace - lest they depart therefrom
and all should seek of God his guidance, bu
the young should consider their liableness
in their inattention and carelessness, an
should daily implore the aid of a sup
power, and in God is our help found.
O merciful father, enable me to guard
heart and the sin that most easily be
~~me~~ - forgive I pray thee my sins of the d
part - and lead me in thy way - Ame
August 25th last sabbath morning I was at Ha
in the afternoon went to Amherst with
Charles - Mr Parsons preach-d from these wo
~~Am I a dog~~. Is thy servant a dog, that

hould do this great thing - we should search our
arts - and mortify all our earthly affections
This day - Mr Hopkins gave us a good dis-
course from Romans - 13th 10th - Love worketh no
ill to his neighbour, therefore love is the
fulfilling of the law - occasion'd by some distur
bances among the youth of this town, — we
should seek each others good - and never, ridi-
cule the natural infirmities of others nor
envy their prosperity - but in all our action
we should remember that the judge of all
the earth / seeth us - and will bring us
to account - This afternoon from Proverbs - 28
6th - Better is the poor that walketh in his upright
ness - than he that is perverse tho' he be rich -
illustrating the vanity of all worldly attain-
ments - and the only good, being after this
life - O may I not set my heart on the
world or any of its enjoyments - but may
I make religion the chief pursuit of life -
Septr 1st Mr Worcester - preach'd this day from Luke
4th 17th - come for all things are now ready - he
explain'd the manner of God's making provision
for sinners - he has found a way whereby his own
justice and government may be secured - and
fallen man saved - - to come to the feast is to
live holy lives - to be clothed with the righteousness
of Christ - and to Love God with all our heart and
our neighbour as ourselves — —

This afternoon, the sermon was upon these words - Ps
103d - 13th verse - Like as a father pitieth his children, so
Lord pitieth them that fear him - - The Lord doth n
suffer his compassion to lead him farther than is con
tent with his own honour - and the good of th
Universe - he hath shewn his pity - by sending
his son from the bosom of his love - to die, tha
man might live - but whom will he treat w
mercy - - not those who are impenitent - but
those who fear him with love, who believe i
his power, who forsake their sins - and wh
delight to draw near to him in the way
which he has appointed — he concluded w
an address to the unrepenting sinner, tha
they would turn from their evil way and live

Sept. 8th Necessity obliged me this day to stay at home
I have spent it in reading Mr Hervey's dialogues a
letters - I have had the most convincing proof
Christ's obedience was complete - his righteousne
sufficient to supply the deficiency of all sinn
and will be applied to them if they will o
and accept - Yet O my saviour, for such I desir
hardly dare to call thee, I cannot I fear open m
heart to him - true I can do nothing, but if t
died for me - even for me, shall I not hope, he
gave me his spirit - a spirit of prayer, and since
belief on his merits - and his willingness to recei
O that the Lord would operate upon my heart by
holy spirit —

pt. 15th Mr Hopkins gave us a sermon from these words
ut of the heart proceed evil thoughts &c - cautioning
s to cleanse the heart from all defilement - and
e more careful to purify the heart - than the
utward appearance - - This afternoon - from Isaiah
5th 1st Ho every one that thirsteth, come ye to the
waters - &c - the glad tidings of the gospel are
proclaimed to us - and we are invited to accept
f Christ - the unworthy have no claim to mercy
ut if it is offer'd to them, their unworthiness
hould not hinder them from accepting - God is
ich in mercy - he sent his son from the bosom
f his love - transporting thought to die for man
has he done so much - and will he withhold his
Spirit - ? - Oh Lord - lead us - guide us - protect us
take us into thy hands - and do with us as seem-
th thee good

ept 22d Mr M. George preach'd from Romans 6th
3d For the wages of sin is death - we must not expect
ustification by the works of the law - for we are
inners and can do no good - nothing but wrath
our due - but thro' Christ, that glorious
toning sacrifice - we may be saved from death -
his afternoon he had his text in Proverbs - He that
usteth in his own heart is a fool - he enumerated
e vices of the heart - such as idolatry - theft - adultery
urder &c - - and exhorted us to put our trust
the Lord Jehovah - and to offer no more the sacri
of our lives only to God - but to lay ourselves low
ore his throne - and to rely only in his mercy
o' Christ - God grant us grace to walk in his
ways, that we be not cut off forever from the knowledge of his
children -

Sept. 29th Mr Hopkins having been absent the last
sabbath and this - Mr M. George supplied his plac
this forenoon his text was in Hebrews 12th 24th Jesus th
mediator of the new covenant — I have heard to d
the blessed sound of a redeemers office - none but Ch
could complete the work of salvation; he, unite
the divine and human natures, has answered
the demands of the law - and he is offer'd for t
acceptance of sinners, - O Lord our father re
the atonement which Christ thy son has ma
and save us from death —

This afternoon I have been ~~in the~~ at Gethsemane
and at mount Calvary - I have heard that Jesu
is God - have seen in affecting colours - his agony
his bloody sweat - his sacred body bearing the cross
his hands torn - his whole frame in anguish; the
I have ~~seen~~ heard him crying, my God my God, why ha
thou forsaken me -!- he liv'd like a man, and
like a man - only in the perfection of his natu
with out sin - and he cry'd in his last momen
it is finish'd - the work of salvation, for whi
I have done all this is done; merciful Redeem
and hast thou been in this guilty world - ha
thou had compassion on us rebels - it is astoni
none but a God could devise it - none but a
could execute this stupendous work - since th
hast done so much - leave us not we besee
thee to perish in sin - the text was in Hebr
9th 26th one in the end of the world hath he appeared &c —

Sept. 6th Mr Hopkins' sermon was from 1st John th 4th and this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith — This afternoon Luke 3-24th strive to enter in at the strait gate &c. we must seek a good which this world cannot give nd must come to God with hope in the Redeem- r— that so we may find rest unto our souls— Lord enlarge our hearts in duty— and cause us to love thee above all created enjoyments, forgive e sins of this day and pardon us for Christ's sake

t-13th This forenoon Mr Hopkins' text was in Romans 14th 10th for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ— therefore we must repent, for we shall be judged by our works in this life— let us repent let us have faith on Christ — This afternoon his text was in Luke 12th 33d provide yourselves bags which wax not old a treasure in the heavens that faileth not— the good things of this world ~~are vanity~~ but there are substantial pleasures awaiting those who here obey the calls of the gospel— there is infinite need of our accepting the invitation which Christ is giving, calling us to himself— O blessed Lord— accept those terms as we cannot follow thee — accept of us we pray thee and take us for thine own— —

Oct. 17th Mr Hopkins preached a lecture this afternoo
preparatory to the sacrament — his text was
Corinthians 5th 14th for the love of Christ constr
eth us — we are by nature averse to all good
but Christ and his righteousness will mak
us clean — let us seek to the throne of gra
for needed assistance — and pardon —

Oct. 20th This morning Mr Hopkins preached from
Romans 9th 18th therefore hath he mercy on ~~whe~~
he will have mercy and whom he will he
hardeneth — Blessed be the God and father o
our Lord Jesus Christ — for all the infinite
goodness which he is constantly bestowing
us — above all for the gift of his son — thanks
to his name, for some sensible apprehensi
of his presence — but O how faint and langui
is my devotion — I blush and am ashamed w
I look at my own conduct — I know that I
deserve nothing but wrath, yet thou ar
still calling me, and art blessing my
with some small tokens of thy grace, O con
this, and increase my faith, — for thy son's sa
This afternoon the text was in John 12th 31st Now
shall the prince of this world be cast out —
be pleased merciful father, to grant me th
blessing strength and assistance this week —
for Christ's our Saviour's sake —

27th 1799 — This morning Mr Hopkins gave us a sermon from Acts 9th 6th and he trembling and astonished said, Lord what wilt thou have me to do — the penitent sinner has a spirit of meekness — & obedience is not only willing but desirous of knowing God's will and doing it — This afternoon from Phillippians 2d 13th For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure — — Theodore Wolsey, and Elmira Smith were baptized — Colonel Porter's negro woman was buried this afternoon — may I take warning — —. While at the funeral, had news that my dear nephew Charles — was burnt not likely to recover — I did not look up with that resignation to God's will, which I should have done — soon however we found, there was great hopes of his recovery — then I did thank the Lord — but not properly — confirm our hopes gracious God, and make our hearts sensible of all thy mercies — enable me this week to do my duty faithfully — according to thy will, increase ~~my~~ faith in my dear saviour

Nov. 3d — I have this morning heard a discourse from Romans 9th 3d — For I could wish that myself were accursed &c —

The apostle gives us an example of christian benevo
he does not mean to intimate that he wishes hi
self in the condition and of the character of the
damned - but accursed as Christ was accursed, tha
is, he would willingly suffer as our Saviour suff
if thereby he could save his countrymen the J
from their infidelity and the awful consequence
it - we should be more in the exercise of brotherly
reproof - for that is a proof of our love to each ot
This afternoon the sermon was upon these words of Pro
23d 12th - Apply thine heart to instruction, and thine
ears to the words of knowledge - we should gain in
tion from every occurrence, from the Providence of
God and, ~~and~~ from the vices as well as the vi
of our fellow creatures - I thank thee Lord for a
little of the hearing ear I have had this day - gr
me repentance of my aggravated sins, and
increase my faith and love of thee, my Sa

Nov - 10th - Mr Parsons of Amherst - preached this mornin
from Hebrews 3d - 14th - for we are made partakers of
Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfa
unto the end - a good discourse - and by the blessi
of God I attended tolerably - but let me beware
lest I am one of those who are persuaded of their
good estate, and who while they resolve to apply
Christ's righteousness to their souls - indulge themse
in sin - but may I resist every temptation, and p
a double guard against the sins that most easily beset

This afternoon the sermon was upon these words of Psalms 34th - 5th they looked ~~upon~~ unto him and were lightened, and their faces were not ashamed - looking unto God is meant to express earnest prayer, whoever prayeth, to God sincerely - not doubting, shall receive an answer, but if we trust in any thing worldly - we are sure to be disappointed - what a blest priviledge is prayer - Oh I do indeed find comfort in it - & I think I have reason to believe that my heart has felt the operation of the divine Spirit - this I am sure of - that I do really and truly mourn over my sinfulness - and sometimes Christ is indeed precious to my soul - & what amazing love was that, which brought him from the abodes of perfect happiness, to sojourn upon earth - I tremble to think of my vileness, but may I not take courage, and look to the great atoning sacrifice - Blessed redeemer we are ignorant; enlighten my dark mind and lead me and assist me by the comforter which thou didst promise to thy disciples

ov. 17th Mr Hopkins preached from Numbers, 15th 30, 31 - But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously &c - if we continue to sin wilfully the atonement of Christ will not be accepted for us, but we must be penitent & forsake our evil ways - in the afternoon, drawing nigh to God with our mouths, while he is far from our hearts -

Nov. 17th Mr Hayes ~~f~~ preach'd today from Psalms 34th 8th O taste and see that the Lord is good — he shew'd that in this world, in innumerable ways we taste of the goodness of God — and that we have but a taste here ~~of~~ because of our unbelief and sinfulness — and even th most eminent saint — has faint enjoyme compared with that which awaits after death

This afternoon Romans 2d 4th or despisest thou shewing that the unbounded goodness of God should constrain us to become his ~~f~~ faithful servants — O that it might be my happy lo

Sat. even. Nov. 30th Last thursday was observed as a da
I could not attend meeting
of thanksgiving and praise to God — for all his mercies — Mr and Mrs Hitchcock with their litt son were here; I humbly trust, I felt more gratitude than ever I did before — but alas I am still cold — tomorrow O may I be quickened, by an attendance on the sacred ordinance of th Lord's supper —

~~[illegible]~~ Dec. 1st Mr Hopkins' discourse this mornin was from Luke 22d 15-16th With desire I have desired to eat &c — blessed be God for his goodness — in granting me some attentiveness to his word — and for another opportunity of approaching the table of the Lord — yet my

heart is barren under all these inducements
to fruitfulness — O Lord God increase my
faith my love my humility — and all the
graces which thou lovest O make me con
form'd to thy will and may I walk with
thee in newness of life — — this afternoon
the text was in Psalms — upon the uncertainty
of life — exhorting the youth to make religion
their care, now before their probation is over
Dec. 8th This morning the text was in 1st Timothy — 1st 5th
Now the end of the commandment is charity, out of a
pure heart, and of a good conscience and of faith unfeign
ed — we cannot flatter ourselves with having one of
these virtues and graces while we disregard the others
This afternoon in 1st Corinthians 13th 2d ~~4th~~ ~~charity~~ and
tho' I have all faith, so that I could remove moun
tains and have not charity I am nothing —
Dec. 15th Mr Hun—r. preach'd from Timothy 1st
4th — 8th but godliness is profitable to all &c —
upon the observance of the sabbath
In the afternoon in Luke 13th 5th I tell you nay:
but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish
Dec. 22d ~~M~~ Mr Hopkins preach'd from Genesis
13th 13th And the men of Sodom were wicked —
This afternoon Mr M— George preached from

John - 3d 19th And this is the condemnat
that light is come into the world. and
have loved darkness &c - a good sermon
and I was enabled to attend - but my
memory is treacherous - may my heav
ly Father, give me a new heart &
right spirit - - I the journey which
is proposed this week I pray for the
special blessing of heaven - Lord lead
attend me, and bless me, and may
I not suffer any sin to tempt me from
my duty - -

Jan. 17th 1800 - The day before Christmas my brother & I
set out for Newb-p-t - went to Brimfield - from
there to Boston - the next week on Tuesday to
N— & the next day my brother was married
to Sarah D— Parsons - an excellent girl - I then
and now beseech the blessing of God upon them
last Wednesday we returned home found our fam
well - and have experienced the unbounded mer
of our Father & that his goodness might lead me
to that repentance which is unto life - not to be
repented of - Amen - for Christ's sake -

n. 19th Today Mr H—ns preach'd from Ephesians
th 22d. That ye put off, concerning the former conversation
he old man, which is corrupt &c— without divine
estraint— the world would be delug'd by iniquity
e must see that our thoughts more than our
utward appearance— are regulated by the
ules of the gospel— O Lord how dead is my
heart to every thing that is good and holy
in vain do I try to cleanse me, in vain
do I form resolutions— alas I can almost say
in vain do I pray to the living God— it is
because I ask amiss— O instruct gracious
God— purify me in Christ's blood, and grant
me real faith in the saviour of men— forgive
Lord the sins of this day— and make me
thine— in very deed— Amen—

Jan 26, Mr Eastman preached from Joshua
25th 15th And if it seem evil unto you to serve
the Lord choose ye this day whom ye will
serve— tho' we build not an altar, and sacrifice
to the queen of heaven, yet we should take heed
that we do not suffer the world to ensnare
our hearts— with its perishable objects— we
must love God above every thing else— this
afternoon the text was in— Luke 14th 18th And they

all ~~with one~~ · began to make excuse - how tri
are all our excuses for not accepting the offe
of life - shall we dare to offer them at the d
of judgment but what do we set our heart
upon - if we love this world we must con
that it is soon to be burnt - and all those
vain objects which it contains will disapp
but if we love God supremely - and obey his
precepts humble ourselves before him - and
believe on him whom he hath sent we sha
have life - O sanctify us - and grant us su
love to God and faith in Christ - send dow
thy blessed Spirit - to seal instruction by
every mean of grace - and may this not b
a lost sabbath - O revive us, and save us -

Feb 2d This day I have been tasting of the body and
blood of Christ - and have been told to rest in
the Lord - to wait on him & he will strengthen me
but O I am almost ready to say he will not
hear me, it is because of my unbelief that
he hides his face - O merciful God, accept of
the atonement which Christ has made & par
don all my sins - the text was in Mathew
26th 26th - And as the were eating Jesus took bread
and blessed &c, - & that every mean of grace might
be sanctify to my ever lasting goo
This afternoon Mr H- preach from Romans 14th 7th -
For none of us liveth to himself. &c -

if we do what is duty we shall not live to our selves— but shall extend our kindness— and our regard to all those who need — for thereby we shew our regard to Christ— and his precepts we can neither live nor die to ourselves because God will have ~~the~~ his Glory out of us— and we should discharge the duties of life faithfully— and cast ourselves upon the Lord— O that he would indeed accept of me, but may I hope that such a vile wretch can find favour— O there is grace for all those who seek it sincerely — O most merciful God in Christ thy son, be reconciled to me even me, and purify from all sin, make me thine and conform me to thyself— this thou canst do I know— O Lord hear me for the sake of the ever living mediator

Feby 9th Mr H— preached from Romans— being reconciled by his death we shall be saved by his life— if Christ died for us, he will exert his power now he is arisen, to save us from eternal death— and is willing to dispense those gifts which he hath purchased with his blood this afternoon from Matthew 7th 13th 14th— Enter ye in at the strait gate &c— Lord I thank thee for thy little of sincerity and attention which I ~~have~~ this day experienced O forgive all my numerous offences and assist me to love thee and serve thee for Jesus sake— alone be with me and bless me—

Mr Williams March 9th of Northampton preached ~~at~~ here today from Luke, 16th 31st And he said unto them, if they hear not Moses and the prophets - neither will they be persuaded tho one rose from the dead - there is sufficient contained in the bible to convince men of the reality of another world but we see not our sinfulness because we are wicked — I have been absent at Brimfield three weeks, and returned a week since, when there, God did indeed bless me with his presence more than ever he did before; but since that I fear I am worse than formerly, O Lord God - thou only hast power to bless me again - O visit me with thy grace - This afternoon the text was in the same place; I have still to mourn over my ungrateful hard heart, if the Lord would enlighten my understanding I should need nothing more, O quicken me, make me thine and assist me to serve thee, with all my ~~w~~ heart, O guide my feet into the way ~~the~~ which thou ~~th~~ lovest grant me faith and confidence toward thee at all times — —

March 16th 1800 - Being not well on account of a bad cold I tarried at home to-day and have spent it in reading Newton on the prophecies, and

Doddridge's family expositor - still I must regret and deplore my wickedness - for I am still at a distance from God & all that is good - will it be ever thus? will God indeed cast me off, & utterly take his holy spirit from me, O forbid it gracious father of all mercies - It is only in thee I put my trust for the blessings of thy grace, & wilt thou not visit me? - wilt not thou stoop to bless me, for thy dear son's sake? those who come in his name thou wilt not cast out, he is my only hope O make my heart to sing aloud for joy - that the Lord will not forsake any who trust in him -

March 23d This forenoon we went to meeting - Mr Hopkins preached from 2d Peter - 1st 10th - wherefore the rather brethren give diligence to make your calling and election sure - - this afternoon the going is so bad we all stay at home, but beg for a sabbath's blessing even here, - -

March 30th Mr [illegible] preached from Isaiah 6th 3d And one cried to another, and said Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts the whole earth is full of his glory - we should see God in every thing and adore him as a God perfect, and displaying his goodness in all things - This afternoon Mr McGeorge had his text in Ecclesiastes 7th 29th vs, this only have I found that God hath made man upright - teaching us to consider what man once was, to reflect upon the awful change which has taken place - and to look to that second Adam who will restore lost dignity of the first - for man was made in the image

of God- was crowned with immortality - and after
his apostacy God promised that the seed of wom
should bruise the serpents' head- this is our ~~ho~~
Jesus, Jesus, is our only foundation for conf
dence and rejoicing - O blessed Father may w
never cease to praise thee, that we live in
a land of light- where the gospel is preached
where the glad tidings of salvation are proclaim
let us wisely improve the precious advantages
we enjoy - and pray thee to diffuse the know
ledge of Christ over the whole world - - amen.

April ~~[illegible]~~ 3d. Fast day. In the morning Mr Hopkins
preached from Zechariah 7th 4th- Then came the word
of the Lord of Hosts unto me saying - teaching us
to repent of our sins and reform them, and hum
ble our selves before God, that he may not go out i
ways of judgment against us - in the afterno
Mr Mc- George gave us a discourse from Acts 26
5th- I lived a Pharisee - shewing. the sin of hypocri
that we must change our pursuits, put off
the old man - we must not restrain family pray
and secret devotion - we must believe and sear
the word of God - and thereon build our faith,
Jesus the crucified Nazarene - is our only hope
let us exercise the warmest, and purest lov
to God, let us do unto our fellow creatures as
we desire they should conduct to us - and let
our light so shine before men that they m
see our good deeds and render glory and prai
to our heavenly father, still I am sinful, distant from Go
and mourn my

~~March~~ april 5th — saturday evening — Tomorrow if providence
permit, I am again to present myself before the
Lord, to appear at his table, and partake of
the bread and wine, which he instituted as
symbols of his body and blood — how do I find
my heart? Alas, harder than adamant, unmoved
by every hope and fear — that ought to affect
it — can it be that the Lord will not hear
O he would hear, I know, if I sought him
in a right way — how shall I seek thee
to find thee — I come in the name of
Christ — he is thy dearly beloved son,
I believe also that he is the saviour
of sinners — O Lord let me not go
on at a distance from thee — take me
Lord for thy child — and make me such
as shall please thee — thou canst, I know
thou canst hear me and answer me
but thou who diedst for sinners — O, save me —
~~March~~ 6th Mr Hopkins preached from Psalm 25th 7th
Remember not the sins of my youth nor my
transgressions, according to thy mercy remember
for thy goodness sake O Lord — today I have been
told that the Lord is gracious — and if we are
saved it must be by free grace in Christ —
once more I have been at the Lords table, and
have been encouraged to hope in Jesus — I am
sure I sought his blessing — in his ordinances —
& for the Light of his countenance, and for some
ray, tho' never so faint, of belief ~~that~~ & assurance
that I am his — —

This afternoon the text was in Psalm 119th 166th verse –
Lord I have hoped for thy salvation and done thy
commandments – – the lowest saving faith must
have reason to say this – and can I use this
language – ? O I know how wicked I am and
that I do not obey the will of God – but it is
my daily endeavour to resist sin and do
the things that shall please the Lord – I
have been enabled to day to attend considerably
but I have not not felt that confidence
and faith which before has been my hap-
piness – O I fear it is all a dream & that
I have no real spiritual life – teach me
O Lord thy will – lead me in thy truth,
and assist me to forsake sin, and follow
after holiness – for Christ's sake let
my supplications be heard and answered –

April. 13th Mr Hopkins' text this morning was
in 2d Timothy 4th 10th For Demas hath forsaken
me, having loved this present world – tho' we
attend to the externals of religion and pray
fervently for Divine favor & grace, yet even
then, we may have our hearts fix'd on
the world and come short finally of that
salvation which they only can obtain
who ~~hath~~ have faith and repentance –
This afternoon the text was in Ecclesiastes 9th 12
For man also knoweth not his time – warning u
to notice the hand of Providence in the sudd
and unexpected death of a man found in Conn
cut river, .. and the death of Mrs Cooke wife of

James Cooke who died of a consumption & was interred last week - God calls aloud to us to be ready - to attend to religion, which ought to be the chief concern of our life - and to lay up in store a foundation against the time that is to come - But O most gracious Father wilt thou not assist us and enable us to break of our sins by repentance and our iniquities by turning unto the Lord - be pleased to dwell in our hearts and attach us to thy self conform us to thy mind - and suffer us not to be overcome by the temptations which so easily beset us - but grant us thy grace and the smiles of thy blessed countenance - for Jesus sake

pril 22 Mr Lyman preached from Ecclesiastes, 8th 8th And there is no discharge in that war - death has reigned from Adam till the present time, all ranks and all ages are alike subject to it - this human life is a bridge over a vast ocean - all along which, are little trap doors - on the first of it they are more numerous - from thence they gradually decrease - so that before the passengers ~~are~~ all arrive at the other side - all ~~are~~ have dropt into the ocean of eternity - ~~[illegible]~~ it is wisely ordered that we must die, ~~for~~ since it is a sinning world - if all were to live to be old there would not be enough of those who are young to provide for their helpless decrepit parents - and what a melancholy

~~[illegible]~~ spectacle would it be to see the great
part of a family composed of persons unab
to help themselves - since we must all die
it ought to alarm the secure sinner. - to
an attention to their souls _ all are eager to
in preparing to live - and in the midst of
their pursuit they are cut off - this should
convince us that it were far wiser to prepa
to die, for there is no discharge in that
war - - besides if we improve life well we shall
inherit a glorious immortality - ~~and so the~~
a constant recollection too of this impor-
tant ~~event~~ - would lessen our desire to live -
it will cure us of pride - and envy, for death
levels all distinctions, it will cure us of malice
and every angry passion, for soon they will all
be hushed to peace in the silent grave
let us then so live, that we may live forev
with Christ and reign with him

This afternoon from the 94th Psalm, 8th verse.
~~Un~~derstand ye brutish among the people; & ye
fools, when will ye be wise. - mankind are
stupid and insensible of the blessings of grace
brutish in their pursuits - and carnal in
their search after happiness - but we must
seek to understand - and try to obtain
salvation - but if we are ignorant and bru
how can we do that which shall be acce
able to God -! - we must attend upon the
institutions of the Gospel - must read

meditate and pray in public, private & secret - we must wrestle with God as his servant of old - and not suffer ourselves to be overcome, but seek earnestly for renewing and sanctifying grace - I must now render thanks to my Lord and master, for his goodness to me this day - in granting me somewhat of a hearing ear, and understanding heart - O that the word of grace may not slip - thou Eternal fountain of all goodness and mercy, let a stream from thy fulness be sent to comfort & enliven this cold dead heart - may I no longer have to lament that I grieve thy spirit — but merciful God, grant me thy grace strength and assistance - & may the blood of Christ be efficacious in my salvation from sin & misery - - & O shed abroad in my heart thy love, that I may give to thee my best affections - grant that I may have thy spirit to guide me, while in life - and may I lay my last end to heart - O gracious father, enable me to live as if I must one day, and that uncertain how soon, leave this lower world may I always keep in mind my frailty and may a constant impression that thou art present cheer my fainting courage, and deter me from indulging wickedness - for Christ's sake O my heavenly father hear me.

April 27th Mr and Mrs Hitchcock are here, in
the morning I stayed at home; on account
of Mr Hopkins, absence ~~in~~ at Connecticut
Mr Wm George preached — this afternoon I went
to meeting - his text was in Ezekiel. 34th 16th
I will seek that which was lost, I will bring
again that which was driven away &c -
we are all by nature rebels - and have revolt
-ed - but Jesus came to save such - we must
plead his promises - and this is a most
precious one - may we be heard when we
pour forth our supplication to father of
lights - and bountiful dispenser of Good -
for his sake who hath given himself for us -
May 4th Mr Hopkins preached from Isaiah 6th 3
and one cried &c - the continuation of a discourse
begun last march - we see the glory of the ever
blessed God in the work of nature - and while
ingaged in our daily Labours can contemplate
the goodness of the great Creator, and in
the meanest of the animal race, we may s
visible traces of the skill of Omnipotence -
the ~~vo~~ volume of nature, and of inspiration
are the best and most instructive of books - let
us study them - and seek to glorify God - who w
make the latter day eminently glorious - and
if we serve him here will glorify us with
himself and the whole assembly of saints in hea

This afternoon the text was in Psalms 42d 8th verse - Yet the Lord will command his loving kindness in the day time - and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life - methinks I am more sinful than ever - alas my depraved heart, my thoughts have not this day been fixed upon the things which belong to my everlasting peace but wandering with the fools at the ends of the earth - what shall I do? how shall I atone for all my wickedness -?- is there no balm in Gilead is there no physician there?- yes there is balm in Gilead - there is an atonement made even for my sins aggravated as they are - - there is an Almighty physician - who is not only able - but willing to heal even the vilest and most offending - O that I might hope in him - and may I not? - I must - for is he not my Father - I have given myself to him, I am no longer my own - and if so, I surely may come unto him - and plead his promises - Lord forgive my innumerable offences - Most mercifull God - accept of thy Son for my surety - cleanse me in his blood clothe me with his spotless robe - for I am filthy - O Lord God - I leave my cause with thee - not without hope because thou art not man but Almighty God - for my redeemer's sake - for such I would call him, be pleased to pass over my past sins - & grant me grace in time to come - to do my duty and no more offend thee - - Amen - -

May 11th Mr Hitchcock his wife and sisters are here, they had their little daughter baptized this afternoon Martha Heise we did not get there soon enough to hear the text - the sermon was upon setting our affections upon heavenly objects, in preference to those of a temporal nature — in the morning the text was in 1st Peter. 3d - 20th which sometimes were disobedient, when once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, — I have been blessed again with the assistance of Divine grace, and had some power over my own thoughts, but how wicked and vile I still am? - I find in my most solemn duties, my heart is set on carnal objects, and this old man of sin intermingles itself with my most devout frames - O for the fuller manifestation of the perfections of God that I may justly abhor myself and adore that almighty maker of all things, who will bring us into judgement - O may I then appear washed in the redeemers blood ~~and not~~ I trust not in thing which I can do - only in the boundless mercy of God through Jesus who hath loved us and given himself for us — be with me this week Lord and assist me in every duty - and to overcome every temptation

May 31st 1800 – Saturday evening – The twentieth day of this month, I finished reading the bible in course – having began it just a year before – . I have made a long visit at Northampton, tarried there a week, returned last Tuesday night – in all my ways I have been blest – my days have been crowned with loving-kindneſs – and each rising hour is a witneſs of the unbounded goodneſs of God – how he is calling me once more to his banqueting house – O that his banner over me may be love, tomorrow may I attend the feast of saints – and may he whose blood is set forth as a propitiation for sin, be in the midst of us, and enrich each soul with his grace, no longer may I be insensible, but may the power and mercy of God, be conspicuous in my transformation to a life of holineſs and communion with the Father of lights – –

June 1st Mr Hopkins text was in John 7th 37th In the last day that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink! – Bleſsed words, and bleſsed Jesus which uttered them; can any with this encouragement – continue to follow the way of wickedneſs; or can any indulge despair; this paſsage is indeed one of the most comforting of any – and may I hope? – such a sinner as I am, who have in so many innumerable instances, provoked the Lord to anger? – it seem almost impoſsible, but yet I have been told not to despair – for if we seek earnestly for grace we shall find it – this I will endeavour to do – relying on that Being – who is almighty – and has given in his word, so much reason for hope – at the table of the Lord this day, my heart was not right – but I was blest with a small portion of his grace while hearing and singing the hymn - may the sins of this day be forgiven, and I be assisted in the remaining duties of the day - to perform them acceptably to God thro' Christ his son in whom is all our hope -- This afternoon the text was in Titus 2d 11th For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. ---

June 8th - Last wednesday brother and sister Phelps came from Boston, she intends staying the summer here - Mr Hopkins preached from 2d Chronicles, 18th 29th and the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself &c - God is the author and disposer of every event, and tho' men may endeavour to counteract his designs, yet they are always defeated - and let us rejoice that the Lord God Omnipotent - reigneth. This afternoon the text was in Galatians 6th 4th - But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone and not in another. - We should not compare ourselves with others, for we see not into their hearts, and they may perform many acts of duty, and refrain from many sins which we neglect, or commit - let us therefore compare our own religion, with that which the gospel requires, then shall we see our true state, and know what foundation we have to hope for eternal life - now will I confess my sins O that I might be enabled to forsake them - Great God, grant me this week - thy grace and the consolations of thy Spirit - which convey more delight to the soul than all th which the world can afford - bless me, and forgive me even me O Lord God - for th [illegible]deemer's sake -

June 15th Mr Ths's text was in Revelations 4th 8th And they rest not day and night, saying holy holy &c. — God's character would not be perfect, if he were Allmighty and not holy — we should always consider ourselves as in the presence of an holy heartsearching God and we should trust in him thro' Christ for every blessing — — This afternoon brother and sister and myself went to meeting at Hatfield, Mr Lyman preach'd from Proverbs 14th 9th Fools make a mock at sin, ~~the~~ the great guilt of sinners consists in their idea of sin that it is a trifling thing, and even some go so far as to make it a subject of mirth — alas little do they imagine that for all these things God will bring them into judgement. — This day I fear has been among my lost opportunities, O how guilty I am — the last week I continually indulged an uneasy murmuring disposition — today I have been calm — but O how wandering have been my thoughts — what wickedness have I done this day in suffering my mind to be carried away with the trifles of life — and I have grieved the holy Spirit of God — till he never return, it would be just indeed, should the Lord cast me off — and utterly give me up. — but he hath been kind to me all my days — tho' my sins have been so numerous and aggravated and wilt thou glorious redeemer, deny the best of all favors, — didst not thou leave the abodes of paradise to save mankind? — even sinners — O then save me, forgive my past offences — purify me from present corruptions, and strengthen me to the right performance of every future duty —

June 22d This morning Mr H— preached from these words
Genesis 44th 16th And Judah said, what shall we say unto
my ~~lord~~ what shall we speak or how shall we clear our-
selves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants &c
Sometimes men are punished in this life for their
sins — and sometimes those things which good men
account afflictions, are eventually for their benefit
the history of Joseph should be instruction in
every point of view — he is a type of Christ
he was sold into slavery by his brethren, and our
saviour was condemned to death by his own
country men — he was an ~~so~~ instrument of
saving his country from death — Christ ~~and~~ is
a Saviour of the world — the way the truth
and the life! — and can we slight such a being
O astonishing stupidity — I pray earnestly for
saving grace — O most mighty God, thou
hast no pleasure in the death of a sinner
I am a sinner and one of the vilest — if there
is hope for me, O ~~f~~ be pleased to reconcile
me to thyself by thy son's blood, thou O God
art infinitely able to save all — bless me this
day thine holy day descend by thy spirit and
rest upon my heart, O Lord guide me and
bless me this day in thy own right way —
This afternoon the text was in 1st Peter 1st 25th But the
word of the Lord endureth forever — — His promises
and his threatenings are equally unchanging, if we
repent not he will surely punish us, but if we
seek him, pray to him, and endeavour to do his
will, he will be found of us, for his mercies
are boundless — may I have a humble but firm
trust in him for every needed favor, this Christ—

June 29th Mr H— preach'd this morning from Psalm 119th 115th verse - depart from me ye evil doers, for I will keep the commandments of my God - If others follow sin, it should not influence us to do it, for it is committed against a being to whom we are accountable, and whose is Allmighty - we should rather, if we live in evil generation, shew others our belief and resolve let others do what they will we will keep the commandments of our God —

This afternoon the text was in 2d Corinthians 12th 9th - and he said unto me My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness - Jesus is to be sought unto, as a divinely powerful, as well as atoning being - we must believe that he hath all power, and can save those who come unto him and O my soul is it so? - mayst thou fly to this Redeemer, who is mighty and able to save, and unspeakable priviledge, mayst thou hope for acceptance - for pardon, for grace to help -?- hard-hearted rebellious subject of sin, O make me a subject of thy saving mercy - methinks I am more sinful than ever, I have been trying to draw nigh to God - but alas I have reason to fear that I have so long disregarded his calls, that he is going forever to leave me, O state of wretchedness, one indeed I did hope that he would take me for his own, but my sins separate between me and him — — I cannot

[illegible], [illegible] may -

now feel that humble confidence in his power and promises, which his spirit once inspired, where am I wandering? will there never a ray of hope cheer my bewildered soul? — O for faith and love, for a spirit of supplication, for a sense powerful and quickening of my ~~own deforde~~ need of this saviour — and O if I could once more call him my Saviour, all my present anxiety would be overpaid — — yet I would once more raise a prayerful tho' tearful eye to heaven, to the throne of grace, and try the efficacy of that blood which is promised to take away the sins of the world, possibly it may not yet be too late possibly the door of mercy may not be shut —

July 6th Mr H— preached from Psalms — 41st 4th I said Lord be merciful unto me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee — — —

This afternoon the text was in Psalms — 147th 20th verse — He hath not dealt so with any nation; While others celebrate our independence publicly, the best part should be at home, in private offering prayers and gratitude to the Supreme disposer of events — who hath planted this vine in a desert — who hath encreased its branches, and extended them from the sea unto the river — thou hast exalted us to heaven in point of privilege and we, alas! we have exalted ourselves against thee — by wickedness — make bare thine arm O most mighty God for our salvation — be pleased to make thy name glorious in these ends of the earth; may all know thee and love thee and keep all thy commandments — —

July 13th Mr Gridley of Granby preach'd this morning from Ephesians 2- 8th For by grace are ye saved thro' faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God- It is an idea strongly rooted in the heart of man, that they are themselves the author, of every ~~valuable~~ good thing which they find in their own minds- but grace is the foundation of it- grace is a bestowment of unmerited favor- tho' Christ died for sinners and paid a ransom, yet does it not make our salvation less an act of free grace- but if we refuse to believe what dreadful punishment will be our portion- and yet this faith is of the mere mercy and grace of God- This afternoon the text was in Genesis 3- 9th And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him where art thou? The God of heaven and earth will one day call upon each one of us, and say where art thou, what is thy state, what has been thy conduct, and dost thou expect will be thy doom?- what terror will it give us if while in this state of trial we have not obeyed his will, and sought his face, but if it is our happy condition to secure the one thing needful and to attend the warnings of conscience- our reward will be great, and we shall be the children of the highest- Our minister this day called upon the prayerless, the hypocrite, the profane, the worldly minded, the gamester, and all sinners, to repent, and turn to God that their pardon might be seal'd, and their salvation secured.

July 20th – Mr. H—s text this forenoon was in
Luke 12th – 45th 46th But and if that servant say
in his heart, my Lord delayeth his coming, and
shall begin to beat the menservants &c. — We are
apt to say to our souls the Lord delayeth his
coming – and continue to indulge a sinful
practice – but we must remember, that
his long suffering is continued for our
reformation – and if we do not improve
it for this purpose, ruin, and everlasting
misery must be our portion –
This afternoon he preached from Matthew 6th –
20th – But Lay up for yourselves, treasures in
heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth
corrupt, and where thieves do not break thro'
nor steal – If we obtain a treasure in this
world it is liable to decay – but if we will
seek it, we may inherit a treasure
incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth
not away – why should we not make one
resolute effort at least – if we ~~plan~~ form
a plan of a worldly nature, we are not
sure of accomplishing it – but here
there is not a doubt, for God hath
promised life to those who serve him –
To day I have been very drowsy – even when
in the presence of my Maker, and Judge –
alas this rebellious heart – O that God
would break it – would bruize it, if he
would afterward bind it up and heal it –
While singing the last time, I felt devout
and grateful – O what happy seasons,
what precious moments do I sometimes

enjoy — yet how feeble are my endeavours, and how unavailing my resolutions — perhaps I rely too much upon my own ability — if this is my fault — teach me most gracious Father to rest solely on thee — be with me O my redeemer, this week — send I beseech thee, send the comforter unto me, to teach me my sins — and guide me in thine own right way — — — Forgive the follies of the aggravated transgressions of this day — and wash me in that blood which is sufficient to cleanse the whole world — — —

July 27th To-day Mr H—ns preached from John 6th 68th Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life — Man in his estate of innocence, might by the light of nature and reason, know his duty — but when he has broken the law of his maker, and deserves everlasting punishment, how can he know upon what conditions he may be reconciled, or whether he can be reconciled at all, how but by a revelation of the mind of that being whom he has offended — and this revelation is by Jesus Christ — Most adorable goodness in God — to send his son — to teach the way of life — — And after all this shall we go on to sin — O no — melt — O most mighty God these stubborn rebellious hearts — and guide them in thy own way — I was this morning saved from drowsiness — for which may I be grateful —

This afternoon we had a discourse from these words of James 4th 8th Cleanse your hands ye sinners, & purify your hearts ye doubleminded—As long as we are hesitating whether to be religious or not—so long we are not religious—for Christ hath said he that is not for me is against me therefore we were exhorted no longer to make resolutions and neglect them, no longer to determine to become pious, and yet continue in the high road of wickedness which leads to destruction—but to make Christ our Rock and redeemer—and resolve that we will serve the Lord—— again the Lord has been kind and granted me some heart to attend—but O, what ungratful returns have I made!—If the Lord would exert his power he could save me from this load of sin—for he is infinitely able—may I be thus blessed—and the Glory shall be to the Father Son and Spirit. Amen—

August 2d Saturday evening—This afternoon Sally and I have been to Doctor Butlers with Charles Hitchcock who came up with Mr Ward—and will stay till his father and mother come in September—

Once more blessed be God—am I called to partake of this feast for sinners—my sins have abounded I know, and that is the only ~~hope~~ I have, in the only way of salvation provided—since the last communion God has granted me some realizing views of Death—& that my heart might be more enlarged—I pray God to suffer me to approach the Lords table, and to prepare me for it—O Lord our righteousness, make thyself known unto my poor soul, by the breaking of bread - most merciful Redeemer, grant me a saving belief of thy power and mercy - thy atonement and righteousness - and wilt thou most gracious Lord - shed abroad thy love in my soul - and grant me great joy in believing - O leave not my soul in darkness - tho' I chuse darkness rather than light - but of thy free grace, work in my heart all those desires and affections which may be acceptable to thee amen -

August 3d - Mr H -, text was in Romans - 3d - 10th - there is none righteous no, not one - - none are perfectly righteous by the law - tho' there are degrees and the truly, tho' continually erring, are made acceptable thro' the blood of Christ - This afternoon the discourse was from Ephesians 5th - 2d - And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us, an offering, and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour - we ought to meditate upon the wonders of redeeming love - upon Christ as loving us giving himself for us - manifesting himself to us - calling us - strengthening us - and as willing and able to save us - this ought to induce all to accept of him as he is offering himself to us - and all should join his covenant - - - - O how wicked have I been this day - I do indeed fear that God will entirely give me up to the wicked one — what else but the power of the devil could have tempted me, this day to commit so many sins — I have resolved, times without number, to break off my sins — but I am as bad as ever — and O! I fear still worse — amidst all these favors, countless and infinite — I am wandering farther and farther from the fountain of perfection — O what is my heart how shall I atone for these sins — alas this is not possible — and equally impossible is it to refrain from future ones — Lord I come with this guilty soul, and lay it at thy feet, wilt thou despise it — O cast it not from thee take it up heal it most merciful redeemer, wash it in thy blood — and make it a subject of thy grace — preserve it from future sin and keep it by thy power and goodness thro faith unto salvation

August 10th — Brother Phelps and his wife being here, I was not able to attend meeting — this afternoon they went to Amherst — I have been reading to day — the pilgrim's progress — and pray that I may be enabled to profitt thereby — it is a great privilege — to assemble among saints — and to offer our homage to the most high with united voice, this I have long abused — to day I have attentively sought for instruction — tho! not in his courts may the grace of God — forgive my absence — and O how many sins have I committed, for which, O thou whose blood cleanseth from iniquity be pleased to purify me, O God pardon me - bless me with faith in Christ and joy in believing assist me O Lord who givest grace to the weak in performing every good intention - O bless me the remainder of this holy day - draw nigh unto me O my gracious redeemer - and preserve me this week from the ways which lead to destruction - O God of our salvation strengthen me to go out in thy name and trusting firmly in thy grace to enable me to perform the various duties of life acceptably - and O mercifully restrain me from those sins which so easily beset me

ugust 17th Mr Lyman of Hatfield gave us an excellent discourse from Isaiah 61st 1st 2d - The spirit of the Lord God is upon me - because the Lord hath anointed me &c - ~~Ch~~ To reconcile offending man to God - to unite in concert mercy and truth - righteousness and peace - was a subject which employed the eternal mind - to perform this work a ransom infinitely valuable must be paid - where shall it be found - in the only begotten of the Father - Here I am, send me saith the Saviour - to whom is he sent? - to preach good tidings to the meek - to those patiently endure & submit - to the will of their Maker - who seek peace - and endeavour to live in the exercise of the christian graces - he is sent to bind up the broken hearted - to proclaim liberty to the captives - to those who are torn from the arms and tender offices of friendship — and caused to sit under tyrants far from their happy home — ~~to~~ them ~~is liberty proclaimed from~~ — liberty would be extacy — how much more to those who have been long in slavery to Satan —

This afternoon a continuation of the same discourse — today I have enjoy'd a few happy moments — how precious are those ~~seasons~~ — short as they are, when I can view my Saviour compassionate and willing to receive me O such feelings are infinitely preferable to all the pleasure of a temporal nature which I ever experienced — the most of worldly good is imperfect in its nature, but that delightful intercourse with God is ~~durable~~ substantial and satisfying — How shall I obtain more frequently the influences of his Spirit — How shall I — this is perhaps the fault — Do I not too much depend on my own strength —? I would rely solely on thee O thou preserver of men — let me be guided and blessed by thee for Jesus' sake —

August 24th I was obliged to stay from meeting again to-day as there was no conveyance for us all — have been reading The trial of a saving interest in Christ — and how to attain that interest, by William Guthrie — I think I have some reason to hope that I am one of Christ's disciples, but when I reflect upon my wickedness even this hope is darkened — I have abundant encouragement for God is infinite in mercy and goodness —

and if I disbelieve I never shall be saved — this
only can I say, I wish for the influences of his
Spirit - I pray for his grace to assist me in
the warfare with my fleshly lusts - and to
strengthen me to discharge those duties which
I owe to him and to my fellow creatures -
into thy hand, O thou bountiful Redeemer,
I give my soul and all its interests, O
despise it not - reject it not, and cast
it from thee but O mercifully restore it
to thy favour, and make it a monument of thy grace — —

August 31th 1800 - To-day the Lord has granted me
to assemble with his people - and unite with
them in worshipping in his house - but O hard
and stupid wretch that I am, alas! all the
grace and light which God I had once hoped,
had given me, seems to be gone, and nothing
but darkness remaining - I cannot realise
the importance of divine things - it is because of my sins, O my sins separate between
me and my God - and must it be ever
thus - must I live in guilt - and at last
die in despair -? O bountiful Redeemer
purify me - what shall I say - only this
exert thy power, and snatch me from
sin and destruction - - the text was in
1st Timothy 2 - 8th I will, therefore, that men
pray every where, - relating to the public
worship of God - this afternoon - in Proverbs

21st 11th when the wise is instructed- he receiveth knowledge - - occasioned by the death of Mrs Sumner's child, who was drowned last Tuesday we should be instructed by the providence as well as the word of the Lord - we should learn the frailty of our life - there is no security - a moment, but God only hath the disposal of us and our's - Most Blessed Father, if such a rebel may call thee father, take me into thy care, and interest me in thy love, I have given myself to thee already - but O how despicable an offering - make it acceptable by thy grace - I know that thou art able to make me wise to salvation - bless me O Lord this week, restrain my evil propensities - conquer all my vile affections enliven quicken and guide me by the influences of thy grace, and for the sake of my redeemer, who ever liveth to make intercession, be pleased to cause me to spend this week - to thy Glory -

Sept. 7th This morning Mr. H- discoursed from these words - Romans 12th 19th - Dearly beloved avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath - &c - occasioned by the late disturbances in town —

This afternoon we had a continuance of the same sermon upon the retaliation of injuries – and were exhorted to love one another – be charitable beneficent – & courteous – not to render evil for evil, but contrariwise blessing – I thank the Lord for so much of his assistance this day – & tho' my sins are aggravated, yet he granted me a hearing ear – may I have an understanding heart – to know the things which pertain to my future peace – Most blessed God – thy mercy in my life is infinite, & I daily experience thy goodness – wilt thou be pleased to continue thy favors to me – O leave me not in impenitence – grant me sincere repentance love and faith – save me O Lord by the right hand of thy power – and may Jesus Christ be indeed my Saviour, and most precious to my soul I entreat thy presence with me this week save me from the snares of the wicked one the temptations of the world – and the evil of my own heart – and make me indeed a subject of thy grace for thy son's sake.. – forgive most gracious God all my multiplyd sins – for his merits sake – and grant all the light and assistance which thou seest me so much in need of – make me a subject of thy care and renewing, and sanctifying grace – and bless me according to thy mercy –

Sept. 14th 1800 – Mr Smith preached to day from Psalms 138th 2d verse, for thou hast magnified thy ~~name~~, word above all thy name — this may be understood, that God hath been more concerned, and has done more, to establish his faithfulness and his covenant, than all his other attributes or he has been more concerned to glorify ~~his~~ ~~and~~ the scriptures than all his other works – I have been enabled to attend in a measure this morning, but O sin is still in my heart, and will break forth in a thousand acts of disobedience; if I might have the assistance of the Holy Spirit, nothing would be wanting – O that I might enjoy the communications of thy grace, and faith in Christ, as an anchor to my soul —

This afternoon the same subject was continued – numberless texts of scripture were brought to prove that the bible is the work of – and to shew that he hath done much to preserve them to this day. – May they be the guide of my life, may I draw from them as from a living fountain, the purest streams of instruction – that all my actions may correspond with the rules contained in them – that I may constantly shew to the world that Christ is my master, O that this might be my invaluable privilege Assist me O thou Saviour of man – & work in my heart, thy own good pleasure —

Sept. 28th 1800 — Boston — ; Today the rain has prevented my attendance at meeting I have spent the day in reading, & I hope not unprofitably — — Last Tuesday, I came to town, found my brothers family well, and have the greatest occasions to praise the Lord for his care of me continually he has been with me to bless me by the way. and in the house & his mercy forsaketh me not, this week I commit my way unto his direction. Father of mercies, accept me, and my sinful services, in the name of thy dear son, preserve me from sin, and danger, and guide me in the way which leads to everlasting rest, thro, the mediator — — amen

Oct. 5th 1800 — Last wednesday I wrote to Mr H— and Mrs H— the same day I was innoculated for the kine Pox — to day the Lord has granted his mercy and permitted me to attend Mr Kirkland's meeting — and there to dedicate myself to the service of my redeemer — Blessed be his name, for the manifestation of his presence — may I be favoured always with a belief that my soul is precious in his sight — this is the idea which fills my heart with gratitude, and won-

wonder — may I contemplate his merits — his power, his love, his intercession and pardon — and may the eternal Spirit direct, and quicken me, while here, to prepare for a never ending state of happiness hereafter — & that thou wouldst forgive the sins of this day, heinous as they are — and enable me with sincerity, and faith to serve thee — and to perform every act of duty, and every employment — properly — bless our family I pray thee, while separate — and in due time unite us — The text this morning was in Hebrews 3-1st — consider the apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus — he was set before us, as an example — to follow, and be constrained by every motive and obligation to love him and devote ourselves to him — this afternoon the text was in Mark — — upon having peace one with another — contention is the bane of social happiness — we should be careful not ~~to~~ unnecessarily to take or give offence, and when given or taken — should seek speedy reconciliation —

Oct. 12th Mr Miller of New York preached this morning for Mr Kirkland — from Phillippians, 4th 11th for I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content — ~~we~~ upon hearing these words, one would be induced to say — surely he passeth smoothly on the journey of life —

he is one of those fortunate characters who have never drank of the cup of affliction - and tasted only the comforts of life - but no, St Paul was one who knew what is was to suffer need - and hunger and nakedness - we should not suppose that a mind insensible of the sufferings - can be called content~~ment~~ it is stupidity - It is impiety to murmur at our lot - it is saying God is unjust - it is destroying our own peace - - the unconcerned spectator, will say - indulge not this sorrow, it is unavailing - but religion points to a nobler triumph, it teaches us to look to the strength of our redeemer - to seek his consolations and live in the hope of a better state - O religion how far art thou superior to cold philosophy - as much dost thou exceed it, as the substance ~~by which~~ does a shadow ~~by~~ which it is projected - or as light excelleth darkness - Let us all endeavour to cultivate this temper - and let us be animated by the glorious prospect of those scenes of bliss which await the righteous - How does the good man feel when raised by faith - he looks down upon the toys and glittering vanities of earth - he values not their possession - but enjoys the approbation of his God - he contemplates a region of perfect happiness - of complete and neverlasting joy - -

This afternoon, Mr Kirkland preached from the 2d verse of Psalm 36th For he flattereth himself in his own eyes — we all are prone to invent excuses for our faults, this is not the way to reformation; we should strive against every sin, vigorously combat the snares of the wicked one and the allurements of time we should seek to entertain low & abasing thoughts of our selves — and so to forsake our sins that we may hope the Lord will be gracious to forgive us our sins — ——

Another Lord's day is passed — and how have I spent it? — reflect my soul upon the sins of thy duties — think of that account which thou must render unto thy Maker & Judge — what will be excuse which thou then wilt frame — for the follies & vices of this day? — I have sinned O Lord against heaven & before thee and have nothing to offer in palliation of my offences, so far from it — they are aggravated by every opportunity thou art affording me, to gain good — and by every favour which thy abundant mercy is continually pouring upon me, O that thou who art the Great Physician of souls wouldst heal my soul of this deadly leprosy — and renew me by thy grace — forgive and receive me into the arms of thy mercy — and guide and bless me now & forever —

September 21st Mr H—ns preached from Psalms 51st
10th create in me a clean heart O God, and renew
a right spirit within me — all our good desires
are from God, and as our hopes and faith
increase, we have reason to rejoice, as it
is a ~~token~~ consequence of the influence of his Spirit
we should attend upon the ordinances of
his worship, we should read meditate &
pray — and perhaps he will hear, we know
not, but it is only in the way of duty
we can expect a blessing — —
This afternoon the ~~text~~ was in Psalms 100th ~~10th~~ 3d verse
Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that
hath made us and not we ourselves — upon
the improvement of time — may it be treasured
up in my mind, and practised in my
conduct — — &c.

Oct. 26th I have been absent four weeks at Boston
and returned last monday — Mr ~~Hot[illegible]~~ Lyman
preached from Luke 12th 5th But I will forewarn
you whom ye shall fear; Fear him &c — we should
consider the guilt of fearing man, who is only
an instrument in the hand of God — and can do
no more than he permits — we should be willing
to resign all into his hands — and if persecutions
arise — trust in God who is able to save us from
temporal dangers, or grant us strength to bear
them, so that they will finally be an abundant
advantage to our souls —

This afternoon the text was in 1st book of Kings 19th and 7th and 8th And the angel of the Lord came again the second time &c - If we determine to serve the Lord he will aſsist us - if we begin the journey to mount Zion - the God of Israel will provide for our support - nothing in this world can really satisfy us - but we are beset with danger, & temptations, and have not strength of ourselves to combat them - where then shall we look for help - to the Lord Almighty - - Jesus is calling us - come up hither to the arms of my love come to me and find grace to help - we must go to our closet - we must pray for pardon and sanctification - we must visit the house of God and if we seriously desire to be instructed the Lord will bleſs his word and ordinances - we cannot live by bread alone, but it is the word and will of God which turns our food to nourishment - may his word and spirit bleſs to my souls eternal welfare the the favors which I have this day enjoyed - I thank thee O bountiful Father, for the hearing ear which thou hast granted me this day - my sins have been aggravated I know but Lord I have enjoy'd some glimpse of thy goodneſs - O confirm in this cold heart, a temper of warm animated love to thee and zeal in thy service - grant me O merciful redeemer the comforter, whom thou didst promise to thy followers - and dwell in me at all times - actuate me to my duty - that I may perform thy will and at last be joined to thyself -

Nov. 2d Mr Hopkins gave us a discourse this morning I hope happily adapted to my case - the fullness of Christ was set forth. the mercy of God in sending him - and his willingness to save those who come to him ~~of~~ call upon him - but we must call in sincerity - indifference will not be acceptable to him who requireth the whole heart - the text was in Romans 10th and twelfth verse - For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek - for the same Lord over all is rich unto all who call upon him - I thank thee O Lord that thou hearest me, I have begun to seek thee - I am thine, and I have taken thee Father son and Spirit to be my portion - and by thine answering my petitions I know that thou art gracious - I beseech thee purify me from remaining corruptions assist me O Lord this afternoon to serve thee and grant me thy sensible presence. This afternoon the text was in Proverbs, 14th 2d - He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the Lord, but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him - O my wicked heart what is come unto thee that thou art so obstinate so unmindful of thy future welfare - O Lord thou knowest all things, search my heart and root out every darling lust - shew me my own vileness - O Lord I am utterly undeserving of thy mercies - but thou canst make me worthy grant me thy grace, and faith to trust in thy promises - apply them to me. O Lord. my redeemer - make me wholly thine now and forever. Amen — —

November 9th — How long O God wilt thou call upon me and invite me to come unto thee, before I shall hear and obey — hard abominable, deceitful heart — I fear I grow worse and worse — O Lord take me into thy own hands create me again, sanctify me by thy grace — wash me in thy blood! — I try to serve thee and please thee, is it because I rely on my own strength! — I will not, I cannot save myself, I cannot do one good thing unless the Lord help me — I fail in all my endeavours, but O not in all my endeavours. — forgive O God the sin of this expression — thou art merciful still — O be nigh unto me this afternoon enable me to go up to thy house, with a heart solemnized by a deep sense of thy presence & my own vileness — and may I cry earnestly unto thee for renewing and strengthening grace — Mr H—'s text was in Isaiah 55th 2 — wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread &c — !

This afternoon the text was in Luke 15th 30th But as soon as this thy son was come &c — the eldest son in the parable represents the jews — and the other the gentiles — or individually the ~~for this the~~ youngest is the sinner who repents and returns — Blessed be God for thy encouragement given this afternoon, ~~that~~ that thou art infinitely more willing to receive a returning sinner than an earthly parent is to embrace a long lost child — I would still plead with thee, for a view of thy perfections — O withhold not this which can instantly transform me, and draw me to thee — O Jesus — thou prince and Saviour refuse not to grant my petition — O for the sake of thy own glory and all thou has done for the world & fill my heart with thy love and my mouth with thy praise — bless us all this week in all our ways — — —

Nov 16th To-day I have again heard the glad
sound of the gospel — that Christ is made of God
unto us, wisdom righteousness, sanctification
and redemption Corinthians first epistle 1st
chapter, & 30th verse — all events are according
to the purpose and determination of God,
& it pleased him that in Christ all fullness
should dwell — and as thro' him our God is
merciful to forgive, so he is gracious to help —
O that I might see the sufficiency there is
in him, & know that I my soul is interested
in it — I thank thee O Lord for the assistance
thou hast afforded me this morning in
singing — and tho' I have numberless sins
to bemoan, yet would I not forget to serve
thee, and praise thee for all thy goodness —
O be with me this afternoon, suffer me
not to be led away by the wiles of Satan
but guard my heart from the intrusions
of every evil thought for Christ's sake —
This afternoon the text was in Psalms 5th 5th verse —
The foolish shall not stand in thy sight thou
hatest all workers of iniquity — It is the
greatest folly and madness to deride religion,
or to neglect the concerns of it — for all such
shall be placed at the left hand of the judge at
the last day — and hear the dreadful sentence
pronounced upon them, depart ye cursed into
everlasting fire — O who can bear that dreadful
sound, and yet O matchless insensibility I
continue to sin, my Father forgive me behold
me in thy compassion and blot out all my
offences — be with me O Lord this week that I may
glorify thy name, and enjoy thy presence — —

Nov. 23d This morning Mr H preached from these words of James 1st Chapter 5th verse — If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him — — from the Lord proceedeth every gift we may know our duty, and yet want wisdom to follow it — but if we ask of God he will grant it — blessed words, encouraging to my weak soul — Lord I ask I beg, I entreat that thou wilt give me wisdom to resist the evil and choose the good —

This afternoon the discourse was upon the unchanging word and truth of the Lord — I the Lord have spoken it &c — It respected the punishment of the Jews, and his word is equally certain with regard to his threatenings to sinners individually — those who repent not neither turn from their evil way shall be destroyed — in the intermission I read in Mr Newtons letters — and there find that Christians are continually beset with temptation, and it is so ordered for their humility, and to lead them to renounce their own righteousness, and trust solely on Almighty grace — Forgive O my God the sins which I have multiplied this day against thee, I have prayed thee to help me, and have not exerted myself — I am weak O my Father, strengthen with thy strength, and make me to go forward in the blessed course, & give me the cleansing blood of Christ, that I may be washed therein — this week we are to keep a thanksgiving — O be pleased to fill our hearts with thy love, make us to speak the loving kindness of the Lord and declare thy goodness — bless us for thy own names sake —

November 27th -- 1800 = Thanksgiving evening - —

For all thy favours, O my God, permit me, & aſsist me, to thank thee - thou hast spared my life, unprofitable as I am to thee, thou hast continued health to me; my friends are still remaining, and all the comforts of life are profusely bestowed upon me - but above all and as the best of all thy gifts, I would thank thee for that degree of piety and seriousneſs which thou hast afforded me - Bleſsed be thy name that thou hast granted me some precious seasons - from that fullneſs of which I have tasted, I must plead for a fresh supply - O deny me not this request -- And now O Lord, as thou art calling me soon to quit this abode, the protection and society of my parents and other relations, to enter into a more conspicuous state, let me not go without thy bleſsing - but may the mercies which have crowned the past year be continued, & may I be bleſsed with the increases of thy Spirit - Thou art my God, I have taken thee deliberately for my portion, and my hope, the rock in whom I trust, my refuge and strength, therefore suffer me not to forsake thee, nor dishonour thee; but confirm the covenant by the manifestations of thyself to my soul - for the sake of my bleſsed redeemer - amen

Nov. 30th. Mr. Parsons preached this morning from Matthew 5th. 46th-47th. especially these words what do ye more than others -- we must endeavour to govern all our passions - such as anger revenge &c. - and must keep our selves chaste as God hath done more for us, so we must do more for God - we must be more courteous to our fellow creatures - to enemies as well as friends - we must pray more than others - this is the way to attain the blessing - we must exercise faith on Christ this is the great Spring of every duty - and by doing more than others in this way, and trusting in God we may hope for an eternal reward - I thank thee O Lord for an attentive mind this morning O preserve me this afternoon from all sin - This afternoon the text was in Hebrews 2d. 16th. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels but he took on him the seed of Abraham - God did not exert his power & goodness to save the rebel angels but for one offence consigned them over to eternal punishment - but for man he provided a Saviour, and a Saviour who is of our kindred who is made flesh and partaker of our nature - for this reason we can come with humble boldness - he is a friend to whom we can confide our secrets - tell all our wants and troubles - and who will compassionate us therein - I thank thee most merciful Father for all the favors of this day - impress deeply on my heart a sense of thy goodness - and let it lead me to true repentance - -

December 7th Mr H—ns preached from Psalms 51st 10th renew a right spirit within me — in vain do we make an outward profession of religion, if our hearts are not habitually bent on seeking the glory of God — naturally we are selfish — and carnally minded — but if we are born from above — our minds seek to please our heavenly father — I thank thee O Lord for the assistance thou hast granted me — surely thy ways are kind and merciful — for thou hearest the prayer of the meanest and weakest of thy children — Lord thou knowest that I am not my own, O have thy glory out of me, in my faith charity zeal & love — and my observance of all thy commands

This afternoon the text was in Zechariah 1st 4th Be ye not as your fathers unto whom the prophets have cried saying — thus saith the Lord turn ye now from your evil ways &c — the present is the only time — no one was ever saved who put of the work of repentance therefore neglect no longer, but turn unto God — and he will return unto you — Blessed be the Lord for all his encouragements may my soul apply the promises to itself by the assistance of thy Holy & blessed Spirit — my redeemer — Jesus my Lord & master, I blush & am confounded when I consider my sins against thee but blot them all out for thy names sake

Dec. 14th Today the sacrament of the Lords supper was administered - but unprepared was my heart, how cold and dead are all my affections, O Lord it is astonishing that thou dost still suffer me to attend upon thy worship - it is wonderful, that thou dost not consign me over to eternal death - this day I have again been told that we cannot hope for too much from thee, O then pardon all my sins, and wash me in that blood which cleanseth, and is sufficient to purify the whole world - my mother is sick and not able to attend meeting may God graciously recover her, & bless us all - the text was in Luke 1st 68th Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people. ~~I all~~ This afternoon the text was in 1st Peter 2d 24th That we being dead to sins should live unto righteousness - those who are renewed are here in a degree dead to sin but shall be so perfectly hereafter - if this is our case, we hate sin, we resist it, fight against it - and follow after holiness O my God thou knowest that at times I hope I am one of those to whom thou manifestest thyself - but remaining sin and corruption at other times almost destroy these hopes - O be pleased to quicken me according to thy word - bless us O Lord this week - grant us health of body, & every christian grace

Dec. 21st Having no conveyance to attend meeting
I have been at home all day - reading a
sermon of president Davies's upon dedication
of ourselves to God - perusing my own
writings - and Doddridge's family expositor
in reading over my own writings I find abun=
dant cause to glorify God - in them I find
that the Lord hath been exceedingly kind to
my soul - what sweet moments have I
enjoyed at sometimes, and my complaints
at others, shew how gloomy my mind
was, while the Blessed Spirit was withdrawn
may I not be puffed up with pride, &
think that these were my own attainments
O no, Lord, it is all of thy infinite goodness
I desire to ascribe all the praise to thy
great and holy name, more than ever do I
rejoice ~~that~~ thou hast suffered me ~~to~~
and disposed me to make a covenant
with God - how sweet is the idea that
I am thy creature, by creation preservation
and may I hope by redemption also - I have
once & again given myself to thee, now be
pleased to let me take thee for my only hope
O Father Son Spirit to guided by thee & aided
to promote thy glory while in this world &
ever forever. amen - Elizabeth Whiting Phelps -

Dec. 28th Attended meeting today with my mother
my father being unwell — Mr. H—ns
preached from 2d Chronicles, 33d - 12th
And when he was in affliction, he besought
the Lord his God — we must humble
ourselves, if we would hope for mercy
God regardeth not our merit of his
favour but our desire of it — we
should beware of pride, & insensibility
the latter I think is my prevail-
ing sin, O God of mercy, enliven
me, and animate me in the course
of religion & piety — for all things
are possible with thee — —
This afternoon the text was in 1st John 4th
10th Herein is love &c — all our blessings
are bestowed because Christ died to
purchase them, and we must believe
on him if we would have eternal life
I have been too much occupied this day
in thinking of my temporal prospects
O Lord I beseech thee to forgive all my
sins. change my heart, and make
me acceptable unto thee, O be pleased
to exert thy Almighty power, & save
my soul from death — —

This probably is the last sabbath I shall spend here, as an inhabitant; I am going into the wide world, going from this paternal roof - going to leave the guiding hand of a kind mother; I am about undertaking an arduous and difficulty task; I must no longer seek to please myself, but endeavour to please a friend who is to be better and more interesting to me, than all the world beside - added to this, I must bear to have all my conduct examined and commented upon, by a whole town - I am entering upon an untried state, it is a situation which requires all the prudence & discretion, which ever a woman possessed - then surely it is an improper one for me, for I find by daily experience that I have not power to perform one good action - From the very first of this proposal, I have been seeking the direction of God - I laid the matter before him, I daily brought him to guide me - he did I trust incline me to

follow this path - I have never
ceased to implore his bleſsing on us
both - and now O my Father, I pray
that thou wouldst grant me thy
presence, and gracious aſsistance -
thou perfectly knowest my weak=
=neſs, and my untoward disposition
which is continually rebelling against
thee, thou knowest the absolute
need I have of thy grace to qualify
me for my future situation, & now
O Father Son, and Holy Ghost,
accept me for thine own, and make
me strong, active and vigourous to
repel the aſsaults of Satan, and
conquer all my inward corruptions
O Lord make me thine more fully
and firmly - and if thou bleſsest
me, O forget not my parents, but
with every needful favour wilt thou
visit them, and above all, with the
riches of thy grace in Jesus Christ -
these mercies, O Lord grant for thy own
names sake - - Amen. - E.W.P. -

Jany 11th Mr Champion preached this morning - this afternoon Mr -H- from these words, to the poor the gospel is preached I desire to thank thee O my God that thou hast dealt with me so graciously thro' the week - and that on this day thou hast permitted me to assemble among thy people to pay my vows I thank thee for the little of [illegible] thou hast afforded me - it is all of thy free grace - I attempt in vain to serve thee, but if thou dost bless me, I am blessed indeed - O Lord impart more & more of thy Spirit I pray thee unto my soul - and guide me by thy counsel - and O my Father forget not my parents, and my other friends but be nigh unto them continually and may we all know by happy experience, that in loving and serving thee there is great reward - not in my own name I do ask these favors, but for the sake of thy own dear Son, amen —

Jany 18th The discourse today was from Isaiah
43d. 13th I will work and who shall let it-
every thing we behold declares, the power of God
he is worthy to be loved feared and adored-
how sweet were the words this morning
fear not- for I am with thee- this
chapter is calculated to comfort the christian
how consoling the idea, that all concerns
of a public and private nature. even
the most minute of all our interests are
in the hands of infinite wisdom, it
gives to my mind a calm composure, to
think that God will indeed look on me
sinful as I am, and I would hope
that he will bless me for his sons sake
This afternoon the same discourse continued- how
hast thou blessed me O Lord with an hearing
ear this O be pleased to enable me to retain
the word which I have heard, and wilt thou
make it a savour of life unto my soul &
unto all who heard it- let me go forth this
week trusting in God, and at all times
rest on him who is the only sure foundation
bless my parents I pray thee, and when thou
seest best wilt thou bring us together in
heaven, but leave not my soul destitute for thy
sons sake amen-

Jany 25th – Mr Chadwick of Salem with his wife kept sabbath here on their way home his text this morning was in Luke 14th 17th Come for all things are now ready – we are invited to the Christian feast, not of temporal dainties, but to unfading joys and if we are wise we are wise for ourselves but if we scorn we alone must bear it the joys of heaven were set forth, and the torments of the damned shewn us in proper colours – and we were warned to choose the good part – for the sermon which we had thus heard, would add to our misery in hell – This afternoon upon the Christians life being a state of improvement O God of mercy – hear my prayer, and grant me assistance that I may remember the truths of this day – and practice upon them, help me to refrain this week from intemperance, from distrust and anxiety, and lead me to rest more wholly on thee, my refuge and strength – and in blessing me, O forget to pour down of thy favours upon my dear parents –

Feby 1st When I think how much the Lord hath done for me, I am ready to fear I am not a child of his grace, for whom he loveth he chasteneth, but if I am not one of his children, why do I love his ways, and hate and try to resist sin why do I come to him at some times with such endearment? I would hope but not against hope — O that I might read my title to heaven in his promises — & that I might have more grace and strength to withstand sin, there is one which hath power over me, and if do not resist and conquer it, it will rage and collect many more, O my father, give me strength from on high my parents are here in health, and I am almost too happy in worldly things teach me O Lord not to set my heart inordinately on any thing belonging to earth, but guide me ever by thy counsel bless us all, enable us to go forward with joy in the path which thou shalt mark out for us. all things are in thy hands, bless us for Christs sake amen —

Feby 8th this morning the text was in
John 8th 12th I am the light of the world
he that followeth me, shall not walk
in darkness but shall have the light
of life — Christ came into the world
upon the most benevolent errand
all his conversation and actions
proclaimed it — his teaching was
adapted to all hearers, and he calls
us to him by every inducement —
blessed God I thank thee for thy goodness
to me this day — confirm in my
heart, this tender sensibility, and a-
waken me still more, to see thy glory —
I thank thee O Lord that thou hast assisted me
this afternoon to attend to thy word let it
make me and all who heard it wise to
salvation — may my soul be enriched
with the influences of thy Spirit, and
by the merits of Christ, may I be made
a humble instrument of promoting
thy glory — remember my parents
and all friends and do for them, & this
family according to thy mercy — be
with us O our God this day and week
for thy son's sake — amen

Feby 15th Mr Hooker preached from Isaiah 55th 8 9th – For my thoughts are not &c – In his benevolence, his purposes for the greatest good, his unchangeableness and God is infinitely above us – men are governed by motives of selfishness – God is infinitely good in devising and executing a plan for man's salvation O Lord forgive I pray thee the dullness the sin & folly of this days duty how unlike am I, what I ought to be, how stupid how attached to the world – how engrossed by its pursuits, O call of my affections and raise them to the contemplation of those sublime objects which are the only proper study of the soul – bless this family O Lord and bless my parents and all my friends and make us all the subjects of thy grace and heirs of eternal life for Christ's sake –

Feb.ry 22d I will praise the Lord, for his mercy
and record the goodness of my Father, he hath
been pleased this morning to assist me in the
services of his sanctuary - granted me an attentive mind, & and have heard may I remember and practice - Mr H preached from Isaiah
29th 9th Stay yourselves and wonder &c -
upon the similitude between those who are
drunk with strong drink, and those who
are intoxicated with sin - they see things in a
false point of view - they take light for
darkness and darkness for light - they go
out of the way to hide their shame -
they wax worse and worse, and one indulgence
only increases the desire for another -
I pray thee O Lord to attend me this afternoon
and preserve me from all sin - bless thy
servant also - strengthen him, and comfort
him by thy blessed Spirit - the same discourse was continued - and I was enabled
to attend, to join with some degree of devotion in prayer & praise - O that I might
more earnestly seek God's blessing, and try
to see him in every event, take thou
kind care of us this week O Lord and
of every one near to us - and whatever
thou deniest us of a temporal nature
grant us confidence and trust in thee -

March 1st If my heart does not overflow with
love to my redeemer, surely I am the
most hell-hardened and obstinate of
sinners. — This day I have been invited
to partake of the Christian feast —
and I would trust humbly that I
was sensibly affected with it — I there
beheld by faith the Lord of glory expiring
upon the cross — and saying my God, my
God, why hast thou forsaken me,
O my exalted Redeemer, for the sake
of all that thou hast done & suffered
I beseech thee to have mercy upon
my soul and raise me out of the
pitt of sin and the miry clay, &
set my feet upon the dry land
even upon that sure foundation
which is revealed in the gospel —
the text was in Psalms 2d 6th "Yet
have I set my King upon my holy
hill of Zion. — — exhibiting the care
which Christ has had, and ever will
have of his Church, notwithstanding
all that its enemies may design
against it — — The same discourse con-
tinued Jesus was represented as a King who
is Almighty — able to oppose & confound all
his enemies — The happy lot of his

saints was described - altho' deprived of earthly comforts - they have joys which the world knoweth not of - and there is a heavenly banquett prepared for them in the kingdom of their redeemer how inviting is the prospect - if we will be the humble followers of Jesus this King of Zion, if we will be his loyal subjects - his faithful soldiers, he will provide us weapons against every enemy - let us then put on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand against all the trials which we may be called to encounter - It is now a year since I entered into a solemn covenant with God - and in writing declared him to be my only trust - to him I committed all my concerns - to him I dedicated my time and talents - and besought him to use me as an instrument of his honour - how basely and vilely have I prostituted these faculties to selfish purposes - when I view my conduct - I am almost induced to despair but I am told that even the chiefest of sinners may find mercy - O then dear Saviour extend thy favours unto me - & forsake not the natural authors of my existence

March 8th I will be as the dew unto Israel, he shall grow as the lilly, and cast forth his roots &c - Hosea 14th 5th 6th and 7th verses - So will the Lord bleſs those who put their trust in him, but if we think we have any natural goodneſs we are deluded - the natural heart is enmity against God - and must be changed by divine grace - I find that altho' my sins abound, yet God is gracious unto me, in giving me a heart to attend to his word, O let me not regard the instrument only but may it be my chief concern, to profit by thy word which maketh wise to salvation; - let me go to thine house again and feel the solemnity which the place & buſineſs require - - This afternoon the text was in Isaiah 41st 29th 30th and 31st verses - in ourselves we have no strength, but there is one mighty who will not fail to aſsist those who trust in him, and tho' the best christian has times of discouragement and temptation, yet the Lord will be their support, and not suffer them finally to fall - Grant me O Lord more of trust in thee, and by thy presence bleſs me and all the friends who are dear to me through Christ our Lord

March 15th - For he spake and it was done, he commanded and it stood fast- Psalms-33d 9th a discourse suited to please the learned- shewin that the world has not existed from eternity- & t that it was created in the best possible time- Infidel characters swarm around us, they are aiming to break down all obligations to religi nothing lovely or desirable escapes their unhallowed touch - in this evil day, therefore it becomes us to be able to give a reason of the hope we entertain - and we should see to it that we are grounded and settled in the faith that we be by nothing move away from the hope of our calling - - As thou O Lord has been with me this day continue to me thy presence - and O preserve me from all sin from pride, and vai wandering thoughts — This afternoon the text was in Psalms, 139th 14th verse marvellous are thy works and that my soul knoweth right well - the wonders of creation should excite in us adoration and praise to God the Creator, and we should be animated with the belief that the God who formed by his Almighty power, this vast globe and man as Lord over it, ~~with~~ and will support all who trust in him. Let the word which I have this day heard be as a light to me steps and may I meditate upon it, and upon serious subjects thro' the week - I again implore thy favour for my parents support and comfort them, especially with thy grace, and be made to each one of us this Christ

March 22d The text was in Ecclesiastes 7th 29th - Lo this only have I found &c — it should be our daily business to contemplate the wonderful works of God and study with diligence our own hearts The holiness with which Adam was blessed is not like the holiness of the saints under the gospel — that was mutable, but in the new covenant God undertakes himself to secure it, thro' Jesus Christ & may we not be cursed as rebels who despise so great salvation, I thank thee for thy blessing O my God this morning, vouchsafe still more to me and thy servant this afternoon The text was in Psalms 8th 5th For thou made him a little lower than the angels, &c — in Adam we have all sinned let us not then accuse our first parent had we been in existence we should doubtless have aided in the transgression but let us flee unto that righteousness which is complete, and rests only on the Lord Jesus Christ - Continue O Lord thy favour to us and all our friends this week, and make us all to experience the light of thy countenance thy blessing & assistance — leave not me O Lord to pride but humble me before thee for Christ's sake

March 29th Mr Camp preached from Hebrews 12th 24th and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than the blood of Abel - - the blood of Abel cried for vengeance but the blood of Christ cries for mercy on those for whom it was shed - O Lord I thank thee for thy mercies, but pray thee to draw off my heart more from the vanities of life and fix it on thee and divine things - thou art able, O hear and answer me for Christ's sake - -

This afternoon the text was in Revelations 8th And another angel came and stood at the alter having a golden censor &c - Ah there was much incense offered with the prayers of the saints it shews that their prayers are very imperfect and cannot be acceptable but thro' the mediation of Christ - if therefore we would hope to be heard we must not trust in our own services. Jesus is ever ready to bear our petitions to the father, and he receives homage and honour while he performs the endearing office of mediator - thro' him most great and merciful God, be pleased to forgive all my sins - own me as thy child and I shall need nothing more - let me intercede for my parents also - be the staff of their declining years nd make us all such as thou wilt be pleased to accept thro' Christ - amen

April 3d A day of fasting and prayer — the text was
in Romans 13th 1st Let every soul be subject to
the higher powers &c — occasioned by the election
of infidel rulers — as far as the government is
virtuous and wise — we should submit — and
we should humble ourselves under the mig
ty hand of God who is going out in ways
of judgment — O Lord God thou knowest
that we deserve all thy wrath — we are sin-
ning constantly, and our crimes are against
the clearest light — and against all the cal
of thy word and providence — it would be
just shouldst thou forever cast us off — but
for thy own name's sake, and for the sake
of him who hath done & suffered so much
for us, visit us we beseech thee with the
influences of thy Spirit, and receive us
once more into thy heavenly family from
which we have shamefully revolted assist
I pray thee in the remaining duties of
the day — and bless me with thy presence —
This afternoon the sermon was upon these words
why trimmest thou thy ways to seek love
quite political — And now O God with all
my weaknesses and sins I commit myself
to thee — as to my rightful Lord, and merciful
Redeemer — take me I beseech thee, form me
anew — and save me from all sins — I pray also for
my friends that they may also be nearly allied
to thee — and may we all be accepted in Jesus
Christ amen —

pril 5th Mr Watterman preached today from
Isaiah 53d 4th 5th - Surely he hath borne our
griefs and carried our sorrows &c - he recounted
the sufferings of our Blessed Lord - in a very
affecting manner - but O my heart how
dreadful hard thou art - - I have been
wishing to hear such a sermon - to hear the
love of Christ spoken of - and now my
heart is dead as it were - and nothing
will move it, O it is pride, and worldly
tho'ts that chain me down to earth!
raise me O my Redeemer - - yesterday
I was lifted up and could as it were
see my Saviour and by faith, call him
mine today all is dark and insensible
exert thy power I beseech thee, nothing
but Omnipotence can raise me from
this depth into which I am fallen -
bless me O Lord this afternoon with thy
special grace - and may I ascribe the
praise to thy great name - amen -
The sting of death is sin, - exhorting us by the
view of a dying hour, to repent of sin & follow
after holiness - I thank thee for what little
of ~~attention~~ thou hast granted me, all
I am or ever can be is from thy goodness
d strengthen me and animate me more & more
to walk after the Spirit that I may see
by faith my sins forgiven, and peace made
with the Father by Jesus Christ - be with my
parents I pray thee, and bless us all in thy
dear Son amen -

[illegible] 12th [illegible] was in Balm 49 – 12
verse that man being in honour abideth
not – &c – on the total depravity of
the human heart – it is the heart
which is depraved, that is the seat
of corruption – and nothing but the
almighty grace of God can change
it – [illegible] the means which he hath
appointed must be used [illegible]
[illegible] – a Lord I pray thee
[illegible] constantly
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] our heart
[illegible] – for Jesus sake

This afternoon the sermon was from John 3d 6th
That which is born of the flesh is flesh – many
arguments were brought to prove the depravity
of our natures – what we see in the first exercise
of reason in children – as well as what we
feel in our own hearts – and in others; the tales of
scandal, the quarrels of neighbours, the distress
of war, the means which we take for our
own security, from invaders upon our prop-
erty and the death of infants all serve to convince
us of the total depravity of our hearts, this
is the state in which we all are by nature –
and where I must now leave, and from which
may we all be saved for Christ's sake amen –
accept me & my services, I pray thee this day –
and take the charge of me, and all my friends
this week and thro' life – – thro' the mediator –